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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 READ IN BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON PAGE 150]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
7 GIRLS AND BOYS, CHILDREN OF ALL AGES. WELCOME. WE'RE GOING TO
8 BEGIN THE MEETING. I WILL ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE. OUR
9 INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY REVEREND MARK MARIUS, PASTOR OF ST.
10 MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS,
11 FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY
12 LUIS SOTO, MEMBER, POST NO. 43, LOS ANGELES AMERICAN LEGION.
13 PASTOR?

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15 **PASTOR MARK MARIUS:** THANK YOU. LET'S BOW OUR HEADS ALMIGHTY
16 CREATOR, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE MIGHTY DEEDS OF YOUR
17 HANDS. ON THIS EARTH DAY WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE RICH BLESSING OF
18 THIS LAND IN WHICH WE LIVE, FOR MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS, RIVERS
19 AND OCEANS AND CITIES. HELP US TO CARE AND CONSERVE THE
20 NATURAL RESOURCES IN OUR MIDST AND ENSURE ALL IN NEED RECEIVE
21 THEIR FAIR SHARE, NOT ONLY TODAY BUT ALSO FOR FUTURE
22 GENERATIONS. WE ASK YOUR GUIDANCE AND WISDOM FOR ALL THOSE
23 THAT GOVERN OUR COUNTY, ESPECIALLY OUR SUPERVISORS BEFORE US,
24 THAT THEY MAY EXERCISE GOOD STEWARDSHIP AND JUST POLICY IN THE
25 DECISION MAKING SO THAT WE ALL MAY ENJOY THE FRUITS OF YOUR

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1 CREATION. GUARD US FROM EVERY HARM AND GIVE US THE COMPASSION
2 TO CARE FOR THOSE WHO NEED US MOST. IN YOUR HOLY NAME WE PRAY,
3 AMEN.

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5 **LUIS F. SOTO:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR
6 RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
7 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A
10 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO THE REVEREND MARK MARIUS. AS I
11 MENTIONED, SERVING AS PASTOR OF ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND
12 SCHOOL IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, AND I DIDN'T REALIZE BUT YOU WERE
13 RAISED IN CERRITOS. ALL RIGHT, CERRITOS, MY HOMETOWN ALMOST.
14 ANYWAY, ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL, WHICH RECENTLY CELEBRATED
15 ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY, IS THE LARGEST K-8 SCHOOL IN THE
16 EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL IN AMERICA WITH AN ENROLLMENT OF
17 OVER 550 STUDENTS. PASTOR MARK ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL AT VALLEY
18 CHRISTIAN IN CERRITOS, WENT ON TO COMPLETE HIS UNDERGRAD JUST
19 BEYOND LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S BORDERS IN THOUSAND OAKS AT CAL-
20 LU.-- OR LUTHERAN, EXCUSE ME. I ALWAYS CALL IT CAL-LU. MY SON
21 WENT TO PEPPERDINE. ANYWAY, HE TOOK HIM OUT OF SOUTHERN
22 CALIFORNIA WHERE HE ATTENDED THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
23 IN GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA. HE SERVED AS PASTOR IN THE
24 EVANGELICAL CHURCH IN AMERICA FOR 13 YEARS. HE HAS ALSO
25 ACCEPTED NATION'S CALL FOR MILITARY SERVICE AND SERVED IN THE

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1 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RESERVE FOR 15 YEARS, THE LAST 12 AS A
2 CHAPLAIN AND HE CURRENTLY HOLDS THE RANK OF MAJOR. HE'S HAD AN
3 OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE FOUR YEARS STATIONED IN THE UNITED
4 KINGDOM AND IN 2012 HE COMPLETED HIS SIX-MONTH DEPLOYMENT TO
5 SOUTHWEST ASIA IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.
6 PASTOR MARK AND HIS WIFE HEIDI HAVE THREE CHILDREN, ANDERS,
7 MAITLAN AND SORREN. THEY LIVE IN CULVER CITY. SO ON BEHALF OF
8 MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, PASTOR,
9 FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEAD US IN THE INVOCATION, GOD BLESS.
10 [APPLAUSE.] ZEV? MR. CHAIRMAN, WE'RE HONORED TO BE LED IN THE
11 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING BY LUIS SOTO. LUIS IS
12 REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 43, IN THE THIRD
13 DISTRICT IN LOS ANGELES. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
14 FROM 1969 THROUGH '70, ACHIEVING RANK OF SPECIALIST 4. HE
15 SERVED IN THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION IN VIETNAM AND UNDER THE
16 SECTION CALLED BATTLES IN THE UNDERSTATEMENT OF ALL
17 UNDERSTATEMENTS, IT SAID MULTIPLE INFANTRY COMBAT BATTLES.
18 RECEIVED THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL,
19 VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL AND COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE. HE'S A
20 DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER, INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER. HE'S
21 MARRIED WITH ONE CHILD. HE'S LIVED IN OUR DISTRICT FOR 27
22 YEARS. I JUST WANT TO READ YOU A COUPLE OF HIS C.V. ITEMS. HE
23 RECEIVED A CABLE ACE NOMINATION AS BEST DRAMATIC DIRECTOR FOR
24 THE H.B.O. FILM "THE VIETNAM WAR STORY," DIRECTED "THE HOUSE
25 OF RAMON IGLESIA" FOR P.B.S. WON A SILVER MEDAL AT THE HOUSTON

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1 FILM FESTIVAL AS WELL AS THE SAMUEL G. INGLE INTERNATIONAL
2 FILM AND T.V. AWARD FOR THAT. IN ADDITION, HE HAS DIRECTED
3 EPISODES FOR THE TELEVISION SERIES "THE EQUALIZER, " "FAME, "
4 "SILK STOCKINGS, " "REYES E. RAY" AND FOR "SILVER SPOONS"
5 AMONG OTHERS. HE'S DIRECTED NUMEROUS COMMERCIALS,
6 DOCUMENTARIES AND DOCUDRAMAS. WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE YOU WITH
7 US THIS MORNING, LUIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR
8 COUNTRY, AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LET'S BEGIN
11 WITH THE AGENDA, PLEASE.

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13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MR.
14 CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON
15 PAGE 3, PRESENTATION AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1, AS
16 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN
17 AND FAMILY SERVICES REQUESTS THIS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE
18 WEEKS TO MAY 13, 2014

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO BE THE ORDER.

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22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 4, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS
23 1 THROUGH 5, ON ITEM NO. 3, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT
24 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 6, 2014. THE REMAINING
25 ITEMS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEARING WE WILL HOLD FOR PUBLIC

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1 HEARING. ON PAGE 6, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS ITEMS 6-22, ON ITEM NO. 6, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 7,
4 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD THE FOLLOWING TO
5 HIS MOTION, "DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO
6 IMPLEMENT CROSSING GUARD SERVICE AT THE INTERSECTION OF
7 STEVENSON RANCH PARKWAY, POE PARKWAY AND CHASE AVENUE."

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND.

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11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 11, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
12 THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO MAY
13 13, 2014.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO BE THE ORDER.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 12, I'D ALSO LIKE TO
18 READ IN THE FOLLOWING ON THIS ITEM. THIS IS THE RECOMMENDATION
19 AS SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR
20 ANTONOVICH WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALSO ACTING AS THE
21 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
22 TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF THE GRANT
23 APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. ON THIS ITEM, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A

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1 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 16, THERE'S A
2 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT, 16?

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 16. ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR
7 KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO MAY
8 6, 2014. THAT'S 18. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
12 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT
13 OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR,
16 ITEMS 23-37. ON ITEM NO. 24, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
17 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS TO CONTINUE THE
18 PORTION OF THIS ITEM RELATING TO THE CONTRACT TERMINATION AND
19 NEW CONTRACT FOR CYNTHIA HERNANDEZ, THREE WEEKS TO MAY 13,
20 2014.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 25, THERE'S A REQUEST
25 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 26

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1 AND 27, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
2 HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 32, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
3 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING
4 ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
7 MOLINA. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
8 SO BE THE ORDER.

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10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 21, ORDINANCE FOR
11 INTRODUCTION, ITEM NO. 38, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN
12 FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING
13 THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 5 PERSONNEL AND TITLE 6 SALARIES TO MAKE
14 VARIOUS TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BY AMENDING SECTIONS TO CHAPTER
15 5 TO CORRECT THE STATED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX THRESHOLDS, AND
16 CHAPTER 6 TO REMOVE PAY PROVISIONS, MAKE MINOR TECHNICAL
17 CORRECTIONS, UPDATE SCHEDULE TABLES AND CORRECT EFFECTIVE
18 DATES FOR PHYSICIANS. ON THIS ITEM THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, WE WILL.

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23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM
24 NO. 39, THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY THE CHAIR. SECONDED BY
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** PAGE 22, DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS
5 NO. 40 THROUGH 41. ON ITEM NO. 40, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
6 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO MAY 13,
7 2014. ON ITEM NO. 41, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A DISCUSSION. ON
8 PAGE 23, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE
9 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
10 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM NO. 42-A IS BEFORE
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE
14 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND ON ITEM NO. 42-B, THERE'S A
17 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT WILL BE HELD.

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 26, NOTICES OF CLOSED
22 SESSION, ON ITEM NO. C.S.-3 THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
23 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM, AND THAT COMPLETES THE
24 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
25 BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. BEFORE WE BEGIN THE MEETING, WE
3 HAVE SOME SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS ON CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY,
4 BUT I ALSO, WE HAVE SOME VERY SPECIAL GUESTS IN THE AUDIENCE
5 TODAY THAT I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE. APRIL 22ND IS THE
6 OFFICIAL BRING YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY. AND WE
7 HAVE A NUMBER OF CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY FAMILY THAT
8 ARE HERE IN THE BOARDROOM WITH US. AND WE WANT TO HAVE THEM
9 STAND. I WON'T EMBARRASS HER, BUT I HAVE A VERY SPECIAL ONE
10 OUT THERE. I HAVE A GRANDDAUGHTER OUT THERE. SO PLEASE STAND.
11 [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT, WELCOME. HOPEFULLY YOU'LL SEE
12 GOVERNMENT AT ITS BEST TODAY. ALL RIGHT, BEFORE WE DO-- MIKE,
13 I'LL DO THE BOARD'S GREEN AWARDS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS IT'S A REAL PLEASURE TO
16 WELCOME BACK TO OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A GOOD FRIEND OF OURS
17 THAT MANY OF US WATCH EVERY MORNING AND THAT'S A CONSTITUENT
18 OF THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA
19 VALLEY AND THAT'S A WONDERFUL FRIEND AND THAT'S CHRIS SCHAUBLE
20 WHO IS WITH HIS WIFE KATRINA, THE K.T.L.A. EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
21 OF SPECIAL PROJECTS, KIMBERLY CORNELL, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR
22 JAY ROSENWEIG, K.T.L.A. MORNING NEWS CO-ANCHOR, MEGAN
23 HENDERSON AND HENRY DECARL, K.T.L.A. MORNING NEWS WEATHER
24 ANCHOR. CHRIS WAS ADOPTED AS AN INFANT AND GREW UP VERY
25 CURIOUS ABOUT HIS BIOLOGICAL PARENTS AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES

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1 REGARDING THAT ADOPTION. SO LAST YEAR, HE EMBARKED ON A VERY
2 EMOTIONAL JOURNEY ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, ENDING UP IN RURAL
3 TEXAS WHERE HE FINALLY LOCATED HIS BIRTH MOTHER. CHRIS NOW
4 SHARING HIS EXPERIENCE AND INSPIRING OTHER ADOPTEES TO ALSO DO
5 THEIR OWN SOUL SEARCHING QUESTS. WE'RE ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO
6 HONOR CHRIS TODAY BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SUPPORTER OF
7 OUR COUNTY, OF OUR FOSTER YOUTH AND CONTINUOUSLY STRESSES THE
8 IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTIONS FOR FAMILIES, AND HE HAS SERVED AS OUR
9 EMCEE FOR THE ALL FOR THE LOVE OF CHILDREN PROGRAM THAT MY
10 OFFICE SPONSORS EACH YEAR, WHERE WE RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE THOSE
12 SERVICES AND NEEDS THAT OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE PROVIDED. SO
13 CHRIS, A SUPERB JOURNALIST AND WE JUST WANT TO APPRECIATE HIM
14 FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA. AND HOPEFULLY THOSE WATCHING
15 TODAY WILL FOLLOW CHRIS'S EXAMPLE AND BE ABLE TO ALSO ENRICH
16 THEIR LIVES. SO CHRIS, GOD BLESS YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE, IF I COULD ADD BEFORE YOU MAKE
19 YOUR PRESENTATION, CHRIS NOT ONLY DOES ALL THAT FOR YOU, BUT
20 THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY HE IS A VERY ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF THE
21 OPTIMIST YOUTH HOMES, EMCEEING OUR GALA EACH AND EVERY YEAR
22 AND VERY INVOLVED IN MAKING SURE THAT THE PUBLIC KNOWS ABOUT
23 CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING AS WELL AS A SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM.
24 HE'S BEEN A DEAR FRIEND TO ALL OF US, AND CHRIS,
25 CONGRATULATIONS.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN WEIGH IN, IT SEEMS
3 TO ME THAT THE FAMILY KNOWN AS CHRIS SCHAUBLE, HIS WIFE AND
4 CHILDREN ARE CIVICALLY ENGAGED IN A RANGE OF ISSUES, THOSE
5 WHICH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REFERENCES, THOSE THAT YOU
6 MENTIONED BUT ADD TO THE LIST OF AUTISM, ADD TO THE LIST OF
7 THOSE WHO ARE YOUTH AT RISK, ADD TO THE LIST THOSE WHO ARE IN
8 HEALTH-RELATED MATTERS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT HIS STORY IS ONE
9 THAT IS POWERFUL, ONE THAT IS INSPIRING. AND WE CELEBRATE HIM
10 AND I CONGRATULATE HIM ALONG WITH THE BOARD IN ITS ENTIRETY.
11 [APPLAUSE.]

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13 **CHRIS SCHAUBLE:** SUPERVISORS, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH
14 FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. IT IS CERTAINLY AN HONOR. AND AS YOU
15 MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I HAVE HENRY DECARLO, MY CO-
16 ANCHOR IN THE MORNING WEATHER GUY, MEGAN HENDERSON, MY T.V.
17 WIFE. AND MY REAL WIFE, KATRINA, IS HERE, AS WELL. FOR THOSE
18 OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW, MY CAUSE OUTSIDE OF MY FAMILY OF FOUR
19 CHILDREN AND MY WIFE OF 20 YEARS IS ADOPTION. I'M AN ADOPTEE.
20 IT IS MY PURPOSE. MOST RECENTLY I'VE HAD THE INCREDIBLE
21 JOURNEY OF DECIDING TO FIND MY BIRTH PARENTS. AND THAT WAS A
22 JOURNEY THAT WE STARTED SIX MONTHS AGO. AND I WAS BORN IN THE
23 STATE OF FLORIDA, WHICH IS A CLOSED ADOPTION STATE, AND IT'S
24 VERY DIFFICULT TO GET ANY INFORMATION. I'M GOING TO SPEED ALL
25 THE WAY TO THE FRONT OR THE END OF THIS STORY AND JUST SAY:

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1 TWO WEEKS AGO, WE FOUND MY BIRTH MOTHER AND LEARNED WHO MY
2 BIRTH FATHER WAS, AND I HAVE SINCE MET MY BIRTH MOTHER. AND
3 THE STORY IS JUST AN INCREDIBLE REUNION THAT I'M PROUD TO
4 SHARE WITH YOU. I SAY ALL OF THAT TO SAY: THE ONE THING THAT
5 THROUGH TEARS MY BIRTH MOTHER AND I SHARED IS THE POWER OF
6 ADOPTION. SHE LITERALLY SAID TO ME, "WHEN I GAVE YOU UP, WHEN
7 I LEFT YOU AT THE HOSPITAL 44 YEARS AGO AFTER THREE DAYS OF
8 BEING WITH YOU, IT WAS THE HARDEST THING I'VE EVER HAD TO DO
9 BUT I PRAYED TO GOD TO PROTECT YOU." AND LET ME TELL YOU:
10 THROUGH THOSE TEARS I SAID, "IT WAS THE BEST THING YOU COULD
11 HAVE EVER DONE," AND SHE AGREED. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS: SHE
12 SAID I WOULD HAVE GROWN UP IN A VERY TOUGH SITUATION. I WOULD
13 HAVE BEEN EMOTIONALLY NEGLECTED BY MY BIRTH FATHER. SO I SAY
14 ALL THAT TO SAY: ADOPTION IS SUCH A MARVELOUS THING. THE
15 FOSTER PROGRAMS WE HAVE IN THIS COUNTY, GETTING ADOPTED IN
16 THIS COUNTY, I CANNOT TELL YOU-- WE HAVE THE LARGEST SYSTEM IN
17 AMERICA. AND FOR THE CHALLENGES THAT IT FACES, IT DOES AN
18 EXCEPTIONAL JOB. AND I'M JUST PROUD TO ASSIST THE SUPERVISORS
19 IN ANY WAY, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN ANY
20 WAY. AND I KNOW THAT GOES FOR ALL OF US AT K.T.L.A. SO THANK
21 YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU AGAIN, CHRIS. IN 2008 THIS
24 BOARD CREATED THE GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE
25 RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLIC

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1 AGENCIES TO GET INVOLVED IN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND TAKE
2 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY. TODAY'S
3 PROGRAM HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO COINCIDE WITH THE COUNTY'S
4 ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF EARTH DAY. AND WE'RE HERE TO PRESENT THE
5 2014 GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARDS. IN THE RESIDENT CATEGORY, SHE
6 COULDN'T JOIN US TODAY, BUT IT WAS ISABEL DUVIVIER OF DUVIVIER
7 ARCHITECTS AND HER BROOKSHED, WATERSHED AND GREEN RESIDENTS'
8 PROGRAM. IN THE BUSINESS CATEGORY, IT'S BOEING COMPANY IN EL
9 SEGUNDO FOR ITS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION TEAM. IN 2008,
10 THE BOEING COMPANY IN EL SEGUNDO CREATED A NATURAL RESOURCE
11 CONSERVATION TEAM. THIS DIVERSE GROUP OF EMPLOYEES WERE VERY
12 AGGRESSIVE IN TAKING ON THE COMPANY'S COMMITMENT TO REDUCE THE
13 ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT IN THE AREAS OF ENERGY USE, WATER
14 CONSUMPTION AND SOLID WASTE TO LANDFILL. THE SITE RECYCLED,
15 REUSED AND/OR RE-PURPOSED ALL NONHAZARDOUS WASTE, SAVED ENOUGH
16 ELECTRICITY TO POWER MORE THAN 1,040 HOMES AND SUPPLIED 65
17 HOUSEHOLDS WITH WATER FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR. THE BENEFITS FOR THE
18 PROGRAM INCLUDED ACHIEVING A \$1.1 MILLION IN ELECTRICITY
19 SAVINGS, \$35,000 IN WATER SAVINGS. BOEING EL SEGUNDO AND ITS
20 MORE THAN 5,000 EMPLOYEES CLEARLY DESERVING OF THIS PUBLIC
21 RECOGNITION. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOEING COMPANY.
22 [APPLAUSE.] NEXT THE PUBLIC AGENCY CATEGORY THE CITY OF
23 MANHATTAN BEACH IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, I MIGHT ADD, FOR ITS
24 MANHATTAN BEACH IMPLEMENTS SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS. THE CITY
25 MANAGER AND MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL TASKFORCE DEVELOPED

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1 AND IMPLEMENTED PROGRAMS WHICH FOCUSED ON ALTERNATIVE FUELS
2 AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, WATER CONSERVATION,
3 AND WASTE REDUCTION. TO DATE, THESE PROGRAMS HAVE BENEFITED
4 THE COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING FREE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE E.V.
5 CHARGING STATIONS, BEACH CLEANUP TOOLS AND WORKSHOPS TO TEACH
6 THE RESIDENTS ABOUT WATER CONSERVATION, AND SUSTAINABLE
7 LANDSCAPING. THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH HAS IMPLEMENTED PILOT
8 FOOD WASTE COLLECTOR PROJECTS, ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES AIMED
9 AT REDUCING POLLUTION TO THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT. RECENTLY
10 LOCAL LANDSCAPE EXPERTS AND HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS HELPED THE
11 CITY RE-LANDSCAPE THE ENTRANCE TO CITY HALL, UTILIZING FUNDING
12 FROM THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION. THESE
13 ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS ARE WORTHY OF THE PUBLIC
14 RECOGNITION AND SERVE AS A GREAT MODEL FOR OTHER LOCAL
15 GOVERNMENTS SEEKING TO REDUCE THEIR ENERGY USE. SO WE WANT TO
16 CONGRATULATE THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH. [APPLAUSE.] THANK
17 YOU FOR COMING DOWN. I DIDN'T KNOW BUT WE HAVE THE MAYOR HERE.
18 AMY HOWARD. CONGRATULATIONS, AMY. NEXT WE HAVE IN THE
19 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CATEGORY, THE WINNER IS ASSET NETWORK
20 FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE. ALSO KNOWN AS A.N.E.W. THEY ARE A
21 NATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHICH CREATED A VERY
22 INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL SURPLUS
23 LIQUIDATION. INSTEAD OF COMPANIES JUST SENDING THEIR SURPLUS
24 FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT TO AREA LANDFILLS, A.N.E.W.
25 TAKES THESE ITEMS AND MATCHES THEM WITH CHARITIES, EDUCATIONAL

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1 FACILITIES AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES. UNDER THE MODEL "DOING
2 WHAT'S RIGHT WITH WHAT'S LEFT" A.N.E.W. EFFECTIVELY EXTENDS
3 THE LIFE CYCLE OF SURPLUS ITEMS AND KEEPS THEM OUT OF THE
4 LOCAL LANDFILLS. HERE ARE A FEW OF A.N.E.W.'S METRICS SINCE
5 ITS FOUNDING BACK IN 2005. THEY HAVE COLLECTED MORE THAN 12.8
6 MILLION POUNDS OF CORPORATE SURPLUS, REDIRECTING IT TO MORE
7 THAN 800 CHARITIES WHICH REPRESENTS A VALUE OF OVER \$1
8 MILLION. CONGRATULATIONS A.N.E.W. [APPLAUSE.] IN OUR OWN LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY CATEGORY, THE WINNER IS THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 PUBLIC WORKS FOR ITS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE. ALL RIGHT.
11 FELLOW EMPLOYEES OUT THERE, RIGHT? ALL RIGHT. HOUSEHOLD
12 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF
13 PUBLIC WORKS WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND A STATE MANDATE TO
14 IMPLEMENT A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM BY
15 ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT COLLECTION CENTER, WHICH I'VE HAD THE
16 OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT. AND IT'S LOCATED IN SIGNAL HILL IN THE
17 FOURTH DISTRICT. IT IS KNOWN AS EDCO RECYCLING AND TRANSFER
18 CENTER. I WAS PROUD AS I MENTIONED TO ATTEND ITS GRAND OPENING
19 BACK IN MARCH OF LAST YEAR. THE EDCO SITE IS A STRATEGIC
20 PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN A FAMILY-OWNED PRIVATE COMPANY, THE CITY
21 OF LONG BEACH, THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS. THIS STATE-OF-
22 THE-ART FACILITY HAS SAVED THE COUNTY UP TO \$3 MILLION IN
23 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS. SO FAR EDCO HAS INSURED THE
24 PROPER DISPOSAL OF MORE THAN 18 MILLION POUNDS OF HAZARDOUS
25 WASTE. THE COUNTY-WIDE HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM CURRENTLY

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1 INCLUDES 96 ANNUAL EVENTS, BOTH MOBILE AS WELL AS PERMANENT.
2 THERE ARE NINE PERMANENT CENTERS, 21 SHERIFF'S STATION DROP-
3 OFF SITES, 14 COLLECTION SITES AT PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS, 18
4 COLLECTION SITES AT PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND 9 USED OIL CENTERS.
5 IN SHORT, THE COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE ABLE TO EASILY AND
6 CONVENIENTLY DISPOSE OF A VERY WIDE RANGE OF HOUSEHOLD
7 HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
8 IS WELL DESERVING OF A PUBLIC RECOGNITION FOR THEIR EFFECTIVE
9 ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE.] EACH YEAR THE CHAIR,
10 I'LL HAVE THE CHAIR LEADERSHIP AWARD. THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT IS
11 SONA KOFI, WHO CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS
12 MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH. SONA HAS SPEARHEADED
13 AN INNOVATIVE SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES VALUABLE
14 EDUCATION INFORMATION TO MORE THAN 30,000 PEOPLE. THIS AWARD-
15 WINNING SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM ENCOMPASSES CLIMATE CHANGE,
16 WATER CONSERVATION PRINCIPLES, WASTE REDUCTION, ENERGY
17 EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY. IT TARGETS BUSINESSES, LOCAL
18 RESIDENTS AND SCHOOLS THROUGH AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH
19 EFFORT. SONA'S EFFORTS RESULTED IN MANHATTAN BEACH RECEIVING
20 GRANT FUNDING TO PURCHASE ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AS WELL AS
21 INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS. SHE IS WELL-
22 DESERVING OF THE CHAIR AWARD FOR IMPLEMENTING ENERGY AND WATER
23 CONSERVATION BEST PRACTICES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT. SHE HAS
24 SUCCESSFULLY INCORPORATED BIKING AND WALKING INITIATIVES IN
25 VARIOUS CITY PROJECTS, PROMOTED SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES AS

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1 PART OF MANY PRESENTATIONS TO LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS,
2 BUSINESS GROUPS, SCHOOLS, NONPROFITS AND EDUCATIONAL, SO
3 CONGRATULATIONS TO SONA. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR, AND IT'S A
6 REAL PLEASURE TO REPRESENT AND BRING TO THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS TODAY RON SYLVESTER, WHO IS THE EDITOR OF THE LOS
8 ANGELES NEWEST NEWSPAPER, THE "LOS ANGELES REGISTER." RON HAS
9 COVERED ABOUT EVERY AVAILABLE STORY IN THE NEWS REPORTING
10 BUSINESS FROM SPORTS WRITING TO ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT,
11 MEDICINE, HEALTH, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, CRIME AND LEGAL
12 AFFAIRS. HE HAS COVERED THE WORLD SERIES AND LOOKED INTO THE
13 EYES OF THE SERIAL KILLERS DURING MORE THAN THREE DECADES AS A
14 JOURNALIST. HE'S BEEN CALLED AN INNOVATOR IN DIGITAL NEWS,
15 GATHERING AND REPORTING THROUGH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA, SERVED ON
16 THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS,
17 BUT HIS GREATEST ADVENTURE CAME THIS YEAR AS HE LED THE TEAM
18 THAT WOULD HELP LAUNCH THE LOS ANGELES REGISTER NEWSPAPER THAT
19 IS NOW AVAILABLE IN YOUR NEWSSTANDS ON SUBSCRIPTION. SO WE
20 HAVE A PROCLAMATION WE'RE GOING TO GIVE, BUT THE FIVE-
21 SIGNATURE BOARD SUPERVISORS PROCLAMATION WILL BE SENT TO RON
22 AND THE NEWSPAPER BECAUSE WE WERE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS WITH
23 GETTING RON HERE TODAY. AND SO THIS IS A TEMPORARY RECOGNITION
24 TO RON AND WE WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE REPORTING OF

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1 OBJECTIVE NEWS TO OUR COUNTY WITH A VERY FINE BUSINESS SECTION
2 WHICH WILL HELP CREATE JOBS THAT WE SO DESPERATELY NEED.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND I MIGHT ADD, THEY ALSO HAVE A LONG
5 BEACH PAPER, "LONG BEACH REGISTER."

6

7 **RON SYLVESTER:** WE'RE SO GLAD TO BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND
8 WOULD LIKE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO BE SURE AND MEET
9 MATTHEW FLEMING. HE'S OUR REPORTER COVERING THE SUPERVISORS.
10 WE BROUGHT HIM IN FROM OUR BUREAU IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BECAUSE
11 WE THINK LOCAL NEWS IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN COVERING
12 CONGRESS. AND I THINK WHEN I OFFERED HIM THE JOB, IT WAS IN
13 JANUARY. IT WAS 15 DEGREES IN D.C. IT WAS 72 DEGREES HERE. AND
14 HE SAID, "WHEN CAN I GET ON THE NEXT PLANE?" SO WE'RE SO HAPPY
15 TO BE HERE AND COVERING LOCAL NEWS ON THE STREET LEVEL. I LIVE
16 JUST A FEW BLOCKS AWAY. AND WE HOPE YOU'LL PICK US UP AND
17 CHECK US OUT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE OUR CHILDREN
20 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES WHO HAVE
21 DONE EXTREMELY WELL IN THEIR ACADEMIC STUDY. THIS IS A GREAT
22 PROGRAM I INITIATED MANY YEARS AGO. AND TO RECOGNIZE ACADEMIC
23 ACHIEVEMENT WITH THESE YOUNG CHILDREN. THEY'VE DONE WELL AND
24 THROUGH THIS TYPE OF RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT AND THEIR
25 DEDICATION TO EDUCATION, THEY'RE GOING TO BE THE LEADERS OF

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1 TOMORROW. BUT FIRST IS SETH ORTIZ WHO HAD THE BEST ACADEMIC
2 ACHIEVEMENT ENRICHMENT. SETH? CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]
3 DUYEYA RAMIREZ. [APPLAUSE.] BONSHAI CRAWFORD. [APPLAUSE.]
4 ELIJAH LUNDRY. [APPLAUSE.] YU WIN SUN. [APPLAUSE.] KYLE
5 MAURICE SCOTT. [APPLAUSE.] TYLER FOSTER. [APPLAUSE.] DAVID
6 WEGNER. [APPLAUSE.] MR. FLEMING, OR MR. BROWNING.

7

8 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I WANT TO THANK YOU
9 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE U- BOARD WHO THEIR
10 REPRESENTATIVE COULDN'T BE WITH US THIS MORNING. BUT THESE
11 INDIVIDUALS BEHIND ME WILL GET A GIFT CERTIFICATE THAT THEY
12 CAN USE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES. THIS IS JUST A FEW OF THE
13 MANY, MANY FOSTER CHILDREN THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH THROUGHOUT
14 L.A. COUNTY. CHRIS SCHAUBLE WAS UP HERE TALKING ABOUT HIS
15 EXPERIENCE. THESE INDIVIDUALS BEHIND YOU HAVE A GREAT
16 EXPERIENCE. AND YOU CAN SEE THE PEOPLE OUT HERE IN FRONT OF
17 YOU, IN FRONT OF YOU WITH CAMERAS. WHAT A GREAT CHEERING
18 AUDIENCE. ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO SAY IS THIS IS JUST THE
19 FIRST STEP FOR MANY OF THESE. WE'VE GOT A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD WHO
20 IS LEARNING WHAT EDUCATION MEANS AND WE HAVE A FANTASTIC
21 CEREMONY OVER AT THE WALT DISNEY HALL IN JUST A MONTH OR SO
22 WHERE WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE THE MOST WE'VE EVER RECOGNIZED,
23 186 GRADUATING SENIORS WHO ARE GOING TO BE IN CAP AND GOWN.
24 THEY'RE ALL GETTING SCHOLARSHIPS TO GO TO COLLEGES. SO THANK
25 YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE PEOPLE WHO

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1 ARE OUT HERE TAKING THESE PICTURES. SO LET'S GIVE THESE YOUTH
2 AND THE SEVEN-YEAR-OLD BEHIND ME A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THANK
3 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON MAY 30, 2013, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO
6 RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS OF THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
7 AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM WHO HELP SAVE LIVES AND STRUCTURES
8 DURING THAT POWERHOUSE FIRE. IT BURNED OVER 33,000 ACRES NEAR
9 SANTA CLARITA. IT DESTROYED 53 STRUCTURES, DISPLACED OVER
10 2,000 RESIDENTS, AND IT COST \$18 MILLION TO FIGHT THAT FIRE.
11 RESERVE DEPUTIES AND VOLUNTEERS FROM THE PALMDALE AND SANTA
12 CLARITA STATIONS CALLED UPON TO ASSIST, DIRECT TRAFFIC AROUND
13 THAT FIRE, EVACUATE RESIDENTS, TO ESCORTING SHERIFFS AND FIRE
14 DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THAT
15 AREA. FROM THE DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE OUR REPRESENTATIVES HERE
16 TODAY. WE HAVE SERGEANT ANDREW NAGEL FROM THE PALMDALE
17 STATION, RESERVE COMMANDER JOHNNY JOHNSTON, RESERVE CAPTAIN
18 ROB THOMPSON, RESERVE DEPUTIES ANDREW PETTY. TREVOR SANRUSKY,
19 JEFF GUDE. VOLUNTEERS CHRIS NEAL, JAY AND DEBBY TALENT, DICK
20 AND SUSAN ZATNER, JOE BRONG, MICHAEL FOXWORTH, FRANK TUTHAKER,
21 GENE HEINTZ AND ROBIN KINNARD. SO WE GIVE THESE PROCLAMATIONS
22 FIRST TO JOHNNY JOHNSON, OUR RESERVE COMMANDER. GOOD JOB.
23 [APPLAUSE.] CAPTAIN ROB THOMPSON. [APPLAUSE.] DEPUTY ANDREW
24 "GOOSE" PETTY. DEPUTY TREVOR SANRUSKY. DEPUTY JEFF GUDE. CHRIS
25 NEAL. JAY TALENT. DEBBY TALENT. OKAY. DICK ZATNER. SUSAN

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1 ZATNER. JOE BRONG. MICHAEL FOXWORTH. FRANK TUTHAKE. GENE
2 HEINTZ. ROBIN KINNARD. CAPTAIN, YOU SAY A FEW WORDS?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF SCOTT, I WANT TO THANK ALL THESE
5 PEOPLE STANDING BEHIND ME. VOLUNTEERS ARE REALLY WHAT MAKES US
6 A GREAT COUNTY AND WHAT MAKES EVERYTHING WORK FOR US.
7 VOLUNTEERS AT THE PALMDALE STATION LAST YEAR PUT IN 32,000
8 FREE HOURS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY SAVING THE COUNTY WELL
9 OVER A MILLION DOLLARS. THIS IS PART OF WHAT MAKES THIS A
10 GREAT COUNTY IS PEOPLE LIKE THIS, WILLING TO STEP UP TO GET
11 INVOLVED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WE ALSO
14 WANT TO RECOGNIZE THIS MORNING THE DISPATCHER, KRISTINE SWAIN
15 FOR RECEIVING THE 2014 PUBLIC RESPONSE DISPATCHER AWARD OF THE
16 YEAR AS PART OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS
17 WEEK. THIS IS WHEN WE CELEBRATE THE UNSUNG HEROES WHO PROVIDE
18 LIFESAVING ASSISTANCE 24 HOURS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK, 365 DAYS A
19 YEAR. THE WORK OF A PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER THEY DO IS VITAL
20 TO OUR COMMUNITIES AS THEY CONNECT CRIME VICTIMS WITH POLICE
21 OFFICERS AND CALLERS IN MEDICAL DISTRESS WITH PARAMEDICS AND
22 FIREFIGHTERS. AND WITH HER TODAY IS HER FRIEND LIEUTENANT
23 NANCY O'HARA. KRISTINE, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

24

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1 **KRISTINE SWAIN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANT TO SAY, I AM
2 VERY HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD FROM YOU. I'VE BEEN
3 DISPATCHING IN SOME FORM SINCE I WAS 17 YEARS OLD, AND IT'S A
4 JOB I TRULY LOVE. SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **DAVE SILVERSPARRE:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS DAVE SILVERSPARRE.
7 I'M THE CAPTAIN OF THE SHERIFF'S COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. AND
8 WE'VE BEEN HONORING OUR PUBLIC SAFETY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE
9 DEPARTMENT SINCE 1986. IN CONGRESS DECLARED APRIL AS THE
10 PUBLIC DISPATCHERS TELECOMMUNICATORS MONTH FOR APRIL. SO WE'RE
11 VERY HAPPY FOR KRIS. WE DO NOTE THAT ALL THE DIFFERENT
12 DISPATCHERS VOTED UPON HER. SHE ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER
13 DISPATCHERS ARE THE CALM DURING THE STORM AS WE PROVIDE LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT SERVICE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SHE BECAME
15 EXPLORER IN 1992. SHE BECAME A DISPATCHER IN 1998. 2003, SHE
16 RETURNED TO THE SHERIFF'S COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND SHE'S A
17 RESERVE DEPUTY AT INDUSTRY STATION. SHE ENJOYS READING,
18 EXERCISING, COOKING AND SHE'S INTERESTED IN SPACE, IN HISTORY,
19 PLAYING VIDEO GAMES, I'M TOLD, AND SCIENCE. SO WE CONGRATULATE
20 HER AND ALL THE DISPATCHERS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND
21 WE CONGRATULATE YOU AND ALL THE DISPATCHERS WE HONOR.
22 [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HERE'S A MAN WE REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS ON THE L.A. COUNTY M.T.A. BOARD HAS HAD THE

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1 PLEASURE TO WORK WITH WHO'S DONE A SUPERB JOB. AND THAT'S DOUG
2 FAILING WHO IS THE M.T.A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAY
3 PROGRAMS AND INTERIM CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER WHO HAS RETIRED
4 AFTER 30 YEARS AS A CIVIL ENGINEER. PRIOR TO THAT, HE WAS AN
5 AREA DIRECTOR FOR THE CALTRANS. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A CIVIL
6 ENGINEER WITH CALTRANS IN 1980. IN '94, FOLLOWING THE
7 DEVASTATING NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE, HE WAS PLACED AT THE
8 FOREFRONT OF THAT RECOVERY EFFORT. HE AND HIS STAFF DELIVERED
9 THREE OF THE FOUR MAJOR FREEWAY REBUILDING CONTRACTS IN RECORD
10 TIME. IF YOU REMEMBER, THE 10 WAS DESTROYED AND WORKING 24/7
11 WITH SOME INCENTIVES, THE CONTRACTOR WAS ABLE TO FINISH THAT
12 JOB AHEAD OF TIME AND AT A COST SAVINGS. THEY FINISHED IN THE
13 BLACK AND NOT IN THE RED. IN 2006, HE WAS CHOSEN BY THE LOS
14 ANGELES TIMES MAGAZINE AS ONE OF THE 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL
15 PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AS DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF
16 CALTRANS DISTRICT 7, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY
17 OPERATION OF NEARLY 2600 CALTRANS EMPLOYEES IN L. A COUNTY AND
18 VENTURA COUNTY. AND PERSONALLY HE DROVE OUT TO THE MEETINGS
19 THEY HOLD IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WITH THE CITIES AND THE TOWN
20 COUNCILS AND THE COMMUNITY LEADERS ON THE NEEDS OF MEETING THE
21 BUILD OUT OF THE 14 AND THE 138 AND THE OTHER TRAFFIC ISSUES
22 THAT IMPACT THAT IN ANTELOPE VALLEY AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY,
23 AS WELL, PERSONALLY OUT THERE ATTENDING THOSE MEETINGS. HE'S
24 DONE A SUPERB JOB. HE WAS AT M.T.A. RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
25 DELIVERY OF NEARLY \$8 BILLION IN MEASURE R HIGHWAY PROGRAMS

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1 AND DELIVERY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCES FOR THE NEARLY
2 \$16 BILLION IN THE MEASURES TRANSIT PROGRAM. HE'S A GOOD MAN.
3 HIS LEAVING M.T.A. HAS BEEN A BIG LOSS, MAJOR LOSS. AND WE
4 APPRECIATE HIS LEADERSHIP AND HIS INTEGRITY, WHICH MANY TIMES
5 IS LACKING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR. SO, DOUG, CONGRATULATIONS.
6 [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE, I'D JUST ADD IT'S BEEN A REAL
9 PLEASURE TO WORK WITH DOUG. I MEAN, NOT ONLY OBVIOUSLY THE
10 LAST FEW AT THE M.T.A., BUT IN HIS PRIOR LIFE AS HEAD OF
11 DISTRICT 7 AND CALTRANS. AS YOU KNOW, OUR DISTRICTS ARE VERY
12 EXTENSIVE AND NEEDS RUN FROM PORTS ALL THE WAY OUT TO THE SAN
13 BERNARDINO COUNTY BORDER AND BEYOND. AND DOUG AND HIS TEAM
14 HAVE ALWAYS BEEN RESPONSIVE, EITHER THROUGH CALTRANS OR AT THE
15 M.T.A.. AND WE ARE DEFINITELY GOING TO MISS HIM, HIS
16 LEADERSHIP, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY HIS ABILITY TO GET THINGS
17 DONE. SO, DOUG, CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT CAREER. AND WE LOOK
18 FORWARD TO WHATEVER THAT NEXT CHAPTER BRINGS AND GOOD HEALTH.

19

20 **DOUG FAILING:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE DOUG SPEAKS, I'D JUST
23 LIKE TO ADD MY THANKS TO DOUG BOTH WHEN HE WAS AT CALTRANS AND
24 AT METRO FOR THE RESPONSIVENESS YOU HAVE SHOWN TO THE COUNTY,
25 TO PEOPLE OF MY DISTRICT. TO ME, WHEN I NEEDED TO LEARN A FEW

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1 THINGS ABOUT WHY THINGS TAKE FOREVER TO GET DONE. YOU'VE BEEN
2 ALWAYS ACCESSIBLE AND A REAL PROBLEM SOLVER. I APPRECIATE IT.
3 I WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR NEXT CHAPTER.

4

5 **DOUG FAILING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. YOU KNOW, I REALLY WANT
6 TO THANK YOU ALL, ALL THE SUPERVISORS. I'VE KNOWN A LOT OF YOU
7 FOR MANY YEARS, AS YOU'VE ACKNOWLEDGED SO GRACIOUSLY. SOME OF
8 YOU DIDN'T REALLY NEED TO LEARN A WHOLE LOT. YOU KNEW A LOT
9 ALREADY. THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN PUBLIC SERVICE. AND WHAT
10 A GREAT PLACE LOS ANGELES IS TO WORK IN TRANSPORTATION. IT'S A
11 JOB THAT'S VERY NEEDED. IT'S A JOB THAT YOU CAN SERVE PEOPLE
12 EACH AND EVERY DAY. YOU GET UP. YOU FEEL WELL. AND YOU HAVE
13 THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND OTHERS THAT LET
14 YOU GO OUT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE. IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO
15 MAKE A DIFFERENCE, FEEL THAT YOU'RE SUPPORTED IN DOING THAT.
16 AND I JUST THANK YOU ALL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SERVICE
17 THAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE AS I WORK MY WAY THROUGH WHAT
18 I'LL DO NEXT. I'M NEVER DONE. I'M ALWAYS HERE. THANK YOU.
19 [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE LILLY, WHO'S 16 WEEKS OLD.
22 LILLY COMES WITH A LITTLE TUTU. SHE'S A LITTLE CHIHUAHUA MIX.
23 AND ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE LILLY 562-728-4610.
24 THIS IS LITTLE LILLY. SHE'D LIKE TO BRING A LOT OF JOY TO YOUR
25 LITTLE HOME, AND SHE'LL DO A LITTLE BALLET IN HER LITTLE TUTU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY
3 PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY
4 PRESENTATIONS? OKAY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IT IS MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO HONOR DAWN
7 MCDIVITT. WE ALL KNOW SHE'S BEEN SERVING WITH AS A MANAGER
8 WITH OUR CAPITAL PROJECTS/DEBT MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR THE
9 COUNTY C.E.O.'S OFFICE. JOINING HER IS HER HUSBAND DEAN
10 MCDIVITT AS WELL AS HER MOM, HER SISTER AND OF COURSE OUR
11 C.E.O. BILL FUJIOKA IS HERE. AND I THOUGHT JAN WAS COMING. BUT
12 I'M SURE JAN IS ON HIS WAY DOWN. HE SHOULD PROBABLY COME UP,
13 AS WELL. DAWN WILL SOON CONCLUDE HER SERVICE WITH THE C.E.O.'S
14 OFFICE TO SERVE AS CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATURAL
15 HISTORY MUSEUM IN L.A. COUNTY. WHAT A GREAT POSITION THAT'S
16 GOING TO BE AFTER THE TERROR OF ALL OF THIS HERE. OVER THE
17 YEARS, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, DAWN HAS WORKED IN A MULTITUDE OF
18 COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS WHILE SERVING AS A LIAISON FOR THE BOARD
19 OF SUPERVISORS, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, VARIOUS CIVIC
20 ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS JURISDICTIONAL AGENCIES THAT WE HAVE.
21 DAWN'S EXPERTISE IS WOVEN INTO THE SUCCESS OF, LISTEN TO THIS
22 LINEUP, WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL, GRAND PARK, AND THE
23 TRANSFORMATION, OF COURSE, OF GRAND AVENUE, THE LA PLAZA DE
24 CULTURA Y ARTES. THE WELLNESS CENTER AT THE HISTORIC GENERAL
25 HOSPITAL, AND OF COURSE, MY PRIDE OF JOY, L.A. COUNTY U.S.C.

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1 MEDICAL CENTER. SHE HAS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECTS SUCH
2 AS THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL SHOW, THE TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL
3 FACILITY, THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COURTHOUSE, THE LYNWOOD JUSTICE
4 CENTER AND AN ABUNDANCE OF OTHER COUNTY PARKS AS WELL AS OTHER
5 COUNTY VENUES. AS WE ALL KNOW, DAWN HAS EFFECTIVELY NAVIGATED
6 EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THESE PROJECT'S COMPLEX LOGISTICS AND
7 HER ABILITY TO COMPLETE PROJECTS ON TIME AND ON BUDGET IS
8 ALWAYS APPRECIATED BY ALL OF US ON THIS BOARD. AND AS MANY OF
9 YOU KNOW, DAWN IS CERTAINLY A TOUGH NEGOTIATOR. AND SHE ALWAYS
10 INSISTS ON COMMUNITY INCLUSION, WHICH IS WHY I LOVE HER SO
11 MUCH. I HAVE BECOME A GREAT ADMIRER OF DAWN MCDIVITT. I LOVE
12 HER TENACITY, HER PERSONAL DEDICATION THAT SHE HAS TO EVERY
13 SINGLE PROJECT THAT SHE'S INVOLVED IN. WHAT IS AMAZING TO ME
14 BECAUSE I'M NOT THIS TYPE IS THE ABILITY TO KEEP CALM AND
15 CARRY ON WHILE THERE'S CHAOS ALL AROUND HER. IT'S AMAZING. BUT
16 SHE IS UP TO THIS CHALLENGE ALWAYS AND EVERY SINGLE TIME. SHE
17 HAS, OF COURSE, EARNED THE ADMIRATION OF ALL OF US ON THE
18 BOARD. AND WE ALL KNOW THAT SHE IS GOING TO DO WELL BECAUSE
19 DAWN IS DAWN. IT IS AN HONOR. IT IS AN HONOR TO PRESENT THIS
20 SCROLL TO HER. SHE'S WEARING PINK TODAY. AND WE DID A LOT OF
21 IT TO DEAL WITH THE PINKNESS OF GRAND PARK, WHICH WE LOVE. SO,
22 DAWN, WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST. WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU
23 CERTAINLY. I'M GOING TO BE LEAVING SOON, ANYWAY, BUT I'M SURE
24 THIS BOARD IS GOING TO MISS YOUR SKILL SET AND YOUR TALENT AND
25 ALL THAT YOU DO. A TREMENDOUS GAIN FOR THE NATURAL HISTORY.

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1 CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR NEW JOB. VERY DESERVING. WE'LL TAKE
2 A-- (APPLAUSE). BEFORE I CALL ON DAWN, I'LL ASK BILL TO SAY A
3 FEW WORDS IF YOU WOULD.

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** FIRST, DAWN HAS A LOT OF COWORKERS, THE
6 CAPITAL TEAM. STAND UP. LOOK AT THAT. [APPLAUSE.] FIRST, THESE
7 FOLKS IN OUR OFFICE, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, WILL MISS HER
8 DEARLY. JAN'S GOING TO ABSOLUTELY MISS HER. WHAT I HAVE, WHAT
9 SHE'S DONE FOR ME IN THE SEVEN YEARS I'VE BEEN THE C.E.O. HAS
10 BEEN TREMENDOUS. THE CALM PART IS OUTWARD. IN OUR OFFICES, MY,
11 MY, MY. BUT DAWN HAS, THROUGH HER EFFORTS, SHE'S PUT HER HAND
12 PRINT THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE COUNTY. SHE'S DONE SOME VERY, VERY
13 SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS THAT PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED ON
14 TIME AND ON BUDGET EXCEPT UNLESS WE HAD DAWN'S INVOLVEMENT.
15 THIS GRAND AVENUE PROJECT, WHEN IT'S ALL SAID AND DONE, I TOLD
16 THE GRAND AVENUE PEOPLE, I THINK WE HAVE ONE OF THEM SITTING
17 OVER IN THE CORNER. I WANT TO PUT A LITTLE BENCH THERE IN THE
18 MIDDLE OF THE COURTYARD. WE'LL CALL IT THE MCDIVITT. NO ONE
19 ELSE WILL KNOW WHAT THE HECK THAT MEANS. BUT THAT WILL BE
20 DAWN'S LITTLE PLACE THERE TO SIT THERE AND WATCH IT AND
21 PARTICIPATE. BUT FOR US, FROM OUR OFFICE OF C.E.O., FROM THE
22 COUNTY, WE THANK HER IMMENSELY FOR WHAT SHE'S DONE. WE WISH
23 HER THE BEST IN HER NEW ADVENTURE AT THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL
24 HISTORY. THEIR GAIN IS OUR ABSOLUTE LOSS. BUT GOD BLESS YOU,
25 DAWN. [APPLAUSE.]

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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M GOING TO ASK DAWN TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

3

4 **DAWN MCDIVITT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS
5 HONOR. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY FOR 24 YEARS.

6 I'M NOT LEAVING THE COUNTY. I AM JUST TRANSFERRING TO A
7 DEPARTMENT AT THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. I LOOK FORWARD TO
8 MY ADVENTURES THERE AND ENDEAVORS THERE. AND BEING QUIET AND
9 CALM ON THE OUTSIDE AND STIRRING EVERYTHING UP ON THE INSIDE
10 AS I MOVE TO THAT FACILITY IN EXPO PARK. IT TAKES A WHOLE
11 VILLAGE, AS SOME PEOPLE SAY, TO DO CAPITAL PROJECTS. IT'S
12 MULTI-YEAR. IT TAKES A NUMBER OF STAFF AND A NUMBER OF
13 DEPARTMENTS TO PUT THOSE FACILITIES TOGETHER FOR THE COUNTY
14 AND DEPARTMENTS TO PREPARE THEIR SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC TO
15 ENJOY AND ACTUALLY NAVIGATE THROUGH. I CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT
16 THOSE DEPARTMENTS. I'M HONORED TO BE UP HERE. I COULDN'T DO IT
17 WITHOUT MY STAFF AND THE CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION. SO THANK
18 YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GLORIA, I'D LIKE TO ADD, I THINK WE ALL
21 HAVE OUR DAWN STORIES. [LAUGHTER.] AND I LIKE THAT LITTLE
22 THROW-IN ABOUT CALM. I SAW A LOT OF THAT, BUT I SAW SOME
23 UNCALM MOMENTS. BUT THE MOST AMAZING THING ABOUT HER IS NOT
24 ONLY HER TENACITY BUT SHE FINISHES PROJECTS ON TIME AND ON
25 BUDGET. IT'S BEEN AN ABSOLUTE PLEASURE TO WORK WITH AND LOOK

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1 FORWARD TO SEE HOW YOU DO WITH THE DINOSAURS AND BUTTERFLIES.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
5 COLLEAGUES. PERMIT ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENTS
6 FROM TREY TECHNICAL COLLEGE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AND
7 HISTORY DEPARTMENT CLASS WHO ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY. THE
8 PROFESSOR IS NONE OTHER THAN PROFESSOR ROBINSON. IF THEY WOULD
9 WAVE THEIR HANDS SO THAT WE COULD ACKNOWLEDGE THEM. GIVE THEM
10 A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FROM TRADE TECH. THEY ARE HERE
11 STUDYING POLITICAL SCIENCE AND HISTORY. SO, CHAIRMAN, AND
12 COLLEAGUES, WE HAVE AMONG US AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR. HE IS
13 KNOWN TO MANY OF US AS DR. REYNALDO FLORES MACIAS. AND I WISH
14 FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT HE HAS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF YET AGAIN.
15 THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOTH CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES
16 ESTABLISHED THE SCHOLAR AWARD IN 1981 TO RECOGNIZE LIFE
17 ACHIEVEMENT CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCHOLARS TO THE AREA OF THE
18 ACADEMIC PURSUIT OF CHICANO AND CHICANA STUDIES. AND I'M
19 PLEASED TODAY, MR. CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES--

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE PLEASE KEEP IT DOWN OVER HERE ON
22 THE SIDE, PLEASE? THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** TO RECOGNIZE DR. MACIAS AS THE 2014
25 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES SCHOLAR OF

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1 THE YEAR RECIPIENT. THIS IS A BIG DEAL AND WE GIVE HIM A BIG
2 ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND ACKNOWLEDGE HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS.
3 [APPLAUSE.] DR. MACIAS WAS BORN AND RAISED IN EAST LOS
4 ANGELES. AFTER GRADUATING FROM GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, HE
5 STUDIED AND ATTENDED EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR
6 ONE YEAR AND THEN TRANSFERRED TO U.C.L.A. WHERE HE RECEIVED A
7 B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY IN THE YEAR OF 1969. DR. MACIAS WENT ON TO
8 RECEIVE HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION IN 1973 FROM U.C.L.A.
9 WHERE HE FOCUSED ON LANGUAGE ACQUISITION AND CULTURALLY
10 RELEVANT EDUCATION. HE PURSUED HIS INTEREST IN LINGUISTIC
11 THEORY AND LANGUAGE POLICY AND PLANNING AT GEORGETOWN
12 UNIVERSITY WHERE HE EARNED A MASTER'S AND PH.D. IN
13 LINGUISTICS. HE'S BEEN A CATALYST FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
14 CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES AS A DISCIPLINE AND HAS MADE
15 SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOLARLY RESEARCH AND WRITING
16 THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER. HE IS CURRENTLY PROFESSOR OF CHICANA
17 AND CHICANO STUDIES, EDUCATION AND APPLIED LINGUISTICS AT THE
18 CESAR CHAVEZ DEPARTMENT OF CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES AT THE
19 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES. HIS PROPOSAL FOR
20 DOCTORATE IN CHICANO AND CHICANA STUDIES PROGRAM AT U.C.L.A.
21 WAS ONLY THE SECOND IN THE NATION AT THAT TIME. HE'S A
22 CONSULTANT ON LANGUAGE, BILINGUAL EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALING
23 DEVELOPMENT. HE IS COFOUNDER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
24 CHICANO SOCIAL STUDIES NOW KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
25 OF CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES AND FOUND AZTLAN, INTERNATIONAL

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1 JOURNAL OF CHICANO STUDIES AND RESEARCH. HE HAS SERVED AS
2 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF READING AND LANGUAGE STUDIES AT THE
3 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, NOW KNOWN AS U.S. DEPARTMENT
4 OF EDUCATION. AND ON THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE NATIONAL
5 INSTITUTE OF LITERACY APPOINTED BY THEN PRESIDENT WILLIAM
6 CLINTON. DR. MACIAS IS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE FOUNDING
7 SCHOLARS IN THE FIELD OF CHICANO AND CHICANA STUDIES. AND I AM
8 PROUD TO RECOGNIZE HIM TODAY FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENT. WOULD YOU
9 PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THIS SCHOLAR, THIS INDIVIDUAL
10 WHO HAS INVESTED HIMSELF IN THE LIFE OF OUR REGION, THE NATION
11 AND DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ACCORDINGLY NONE OTHER THAN DR.
12 REYNALDO MACIAS. WE GIVE HIM A BIG SHOUTOUT AND ROUND OF
13 APPLAUSE FOR BEING HERE TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAPPEN TO KNOW DR. MACIAS FROM WAY, WAY BACK
18 SINCE PART OF THE CHICANO MOVEMENT. I' M VERY PROUD OF YOU AND
19 THIS HONOR. IT'S VERY, VERY DESERVING. THIS GENTLEMAN IS, I
20 DON'T KNOW. HE'S DONE SO MUCH WORK IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION.
21 EVERYBODY RESPECTS HIM AND HONORS YOUR WORK IN M.A.L.D.E.F.
22 AND A LOT OF THE LINGUISTICS EFFORTS AS FAR AS BILINGUAL
23 EDUCATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. WE REALLY APPLAUD YOU AND
24 CONGRATULATE YOU. IT'S VERY, VERY DESERVING. GOOD JOB, RAY.

25

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1 DR. REYNALDO MACIAS: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

2

3 WELL, DEAR SUPERVISORS, RIDLEY-THOMAS, KNABE, MOLINA,
4 YAROSLAVSKY AND ANTONOVICH, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU
5 VERY MUCH FOR THIS RECOGNITION AND HONOR ON THE OCCASION OF MY
6 RECEIPT OF AN INTERNATIONAL AWARD OF THE 2014 KNOX SCHOLAR FOR
7 DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE. IT MAKES ME HAPPY THAT
8 THERE IS THIS COUNTY RECOGNITION NOT SOLELY FOR ME AND WHAT I
9 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FIELD OF CHICANA AND
10 CHICANO STUDIES AND TO SCHOLARSHIP IN GENERAL, BUT BECAUSE IT
11 IS A RECOGNITION OF SERVICE, AS WELL, TO THE FIELD OF CHICANA
12 AND CHICANO STUDIES, TO BE SURE, BUT ALSO TO PUBLIC SERVICE.
13 THE DISCIPLINE OF CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES IS NEARLY 50
14 YEARS OLD. SINCE THE FIRST CLASSES IN DEPARTMENTS WERE
15 ESTABLISHED IN THE MID 1960S. HERE IN THIS COUNTY AND
16 SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO MEET A THIRSTY NEED FOR
17 ACCURATE RESEARCH AND ANALYSES ON THE MEXICAN ORIGIN
18 POPULATION OF THIS NORTHERN CONTINENT, TO CORRECT AND CRITIQUE
19 THE STEREOTYPICAL SCHOLARSHIP OF THE DAY. BUT THERE WERE OTHER
20 MOTIVATIONS AND GOALS IN ESTABLISHING THIS FIELD. TO APPLY
21 THIS NEW RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MATERIAL
22 CONDITIONS OF THE CHICANO COMMUNITY, TO SUPPORT THE CULTURAL
23 RENAISSANCE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, TO SUPPORT THE SOCIAL
24 CHANGES THROUGH A CRITICAL AWARENESS AND COMMITMENT TO EQUITY
25 AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. TO PLACE GENDER AS A CENTRAL CONSTRUCT IN

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1 THE STUDY OF THIS POPULATION, AND CHALLENGE PATRIARCHY WITHIN
2 AND OUTSIDE OF THE CHICANO COMMUNITY. TO STUDY THE DIVERSITY
3 OF SEXUALITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. ALMOST EVERY PROGRAM,
4 DEPARTMENT, UNDERGRADUATE MINOR AND MAJOR, MASTERS AND
5 DOCTORAL PROGRAMS IN CHICANO AND CHICANA STUDIES THROUGHOUT
6 THE COUNTRY REQUIRES SERVICE LEARNING OR SOME OTHER FORM OF
7 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AS WELL AS COURSES. AT U.C.L.A., FOR EXAMPLE,
8 WE HAVE COURSES ON MEDIATION, NONVIOLENCE, COMMUNITY ASSET
9 MAPPING AND BARRIO SERVICE LEARNING. ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO, THE
10 COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED CHICANA AND
11 CHICANO STUDIES AS AN UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR THAT SATISFIES THE
12 SERVICE ORIENTATION REQUIRED AS A PREREQUISITE FOR MANY OF THE
13 SOCIAL SERVICE JOBS THAT THE COUNTY HAS. FOR THAT RECOGNITION,
14 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AGAIN. MIGHT I SUGGEST, HOWEVER,
15 THAT THE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES INCLUDE
16 AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES, AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES, ASIAN
17 AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER STUDIES TO THIS LIST OF
18 ACCEPTABLE MAJORS FOR THAT REQUIREMENT, JOB REQUIREMENT.
19 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS CERTAINLY AN HONOR TO BE
20 RECOGNIZED BY FELLOW ACADEMICS AND SCHOLARS, BUT I AM TWICE
21 GRATEFUL FOR THE RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF MY NEIGHBORS,
22 FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS SCROLL AND
23 THIS CEREMONY. AS OPPOSED TO THE HATE-DRIVEN AND CULTURAL
24 CHAUVINISM MOTIVATED ANTI-CHICANA AND CHICAGO CAN OWES STUDIES
25 IN ARIZONA AND TUCSON, IT IS GRATIFYING TO SEE MY LIFE LONG

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1 COMMUNITY AND COUNTY EMBRACE THE DISCIPLINE OF LOVE AND
2 INCLUSIVENESS. MUCHAS GRACIAS. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY WIFE
3 AND LIFE LONG PARTNER, 45 YEARS OF MARRIAGE THIS JULY. CAROLYN
4 WEBB DE MACIAS. EXCUSE ME?

5

6 >>SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: CHILD MARRIAGE LAWS. [LAUGHTER.]
7 [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: I WANTED IT TO BE APPRECIATED THAT THESE
10 ARE LIFELONG BRUINS, BOTH REYNALDO AND CAROLYN ARE UNDERGRADS
11 AT U.C.L.A. AND WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR NOW SOME 30 YEARS.
12 THEY HAVE DONE EXTRAORDINARY WORK AS CIVIC CONTRIBUTORS TO THE
13 LIFE OF LOS ANGELES AND BEYOND. AND WE CELEBRATE THEM FOR ALL
14 THAT THEY HAVE DONE, WHAT THEY ARE DOING RIGHT NOW AND THAT
15 WHICH THEY CONTINUE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND MORE. GIVE THEM
16 ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO
19 YOU HAVE ANYMORE? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

20

21 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I'D LIKE TO ASK THE FOLKS FROM U.C.L.A. AND
22 THE OTHER U.C.L.A. ITEM TO JOIN ME. THE FIRST EARTH DAY WAS
23 OBSERVED ON APRIL 22, 1970, WHEN I WAS ACTUALLY A JUNIOR AT
24 U.C.L.A. AND I'LL TAKE YOU DAY BY DAY SINCE 1970 AND THEN
25 WE'LL GET AROUND TO THE PRESENT.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND TO CONTINUE THE ITEM?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WAS OBSERVED AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL TEACH-IN
5 FIRST PROPOSED THE PREVIOUS FALL BY WISCONSIN SENATOR GAYLORD
6 NELSON WHO HAD BEEN PROFOUNDLY MOVED AND TROUBLED BY THE
7 COASTAL DESTRUCTION IN CALIFORNIA WROUGHT EARLY IN 1969 BY THE
8 SANTA BARBARA OIL SPILL WHICH TODAY REMAINS THE WORST OIL
9 SPILL IN CALIFORNIA WATERS AND THE THIRD WORST OIL SPILL IN
10 THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY. EARTH DAY 1970 SUCCESSFULLY RAISED
11 THE NATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND LED DIRECTLY TO
12 ENACTMENT OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT, CREATION OF THE U.S.
13 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY LATER SAME YEAR AND PASSAGE OF
14 THE CLEAN WATER ACT IN 1972, AND HAS TODAY BECOME AN ANNUAL
15 EVENT CELEBRATED BY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WORLDWIDE, TENS OF
16 MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WORLDWIDE. EARTH DAY IS NOW CELEBRATING ITS
17 45TH ANNIVERSARY ACROSS THE GLOBE AS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF
18 ORGANIZATIONS, GOVERNMENTS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND
19 FAITH-BASED GROUPS, AMONG OTHERS, REAFFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT TO
20 PROTECTING OUR PLANET, OUR CHILDREN AND OUR FUTURE. THE
21 ESTEEMED FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE
22 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES HAVE DEMONSTRATED
23 THEIR COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION THROUGH
24 LEADERSHIP IN THE FIELDS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, RESEARCH,
25 ADVOCACY AND PHILANTHROPY. SO WE WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY

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1 TO PRESENT AND RECOGNIZE-- THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
2 RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS OF THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY AT U.C.L.A. AND
3 HEREBY HIGHLY COMMEND THEM ON THIS EARTH DAY 2014 FOR THEIR
4 DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARD OUR ENVIRONMENT AND ALL
5 COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THEIR INSPIRING
6 EXAMPLE AND JOIN THIS GLOBAL EFFORT TO HONOR, PROTECT AND
7 PRESERVE OUR PRECIOUS PLANET FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. ON HAND
8 TO ACCEPT THIS PROCLAMATION ARE LAUREL HUNT. WHICH ONE IS
9 LAUREL? NOT HERE. SHE'S NOT HERE? NURI KATZ, NURITA'S HERE.
10 CULLY NORBY? CARL NUTH? JESSE ESCOBAR? TODD LYNCH AND KELLY
11 SCHMAEDER, WHO ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.C.L.A.
12 SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE. AND LEE WALLACH IS HERE. WE'RE HAPPY
13 TO HAVE YOU HERE. I DON'T KNOW IF I MISSED ANYBODY? NOPE. WHO
14 IS GOING TO SPEAK FOR THE GROUP. I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE LEE.
15 LET ME MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO YOU AND CONGRATULATE YOU AND
16 EVERYBODY ELSE AT U.C.L.A. WHO ARE DOING PIONEERING WORK ON
17 THE ENVIRONMENT IN A WHOLE LOT OF DEPARTMENTS AND AREAS OF THE
18 CAMPUS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **LEE WALLACH:** HELLO, I'M LEE WALLACH, THE PRESIDENT OF FAITH TO
21 GREEN, PARTNERING WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY AND
22 HONORING THESE FOLKS ON EARTH DAY. AND WHILE IT PAINS ME, I AM
23 A LIFE LONG TROJAN. A STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT ON THE BOARD OF
24 GOVERNORS, I HAVE TO CALL IT AS I SEE IT. U.C.L.A. HAS DONE AN
25 OUTSTANDING JOB. [APPLAUSE.] IT IS NOTHING LESS THAN AMAZING

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1 WHAT U.C.L.A. DOES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE
2 NOW OUR VICE CHANCELLOR HERE, MR. KELLY SCHMAEDER, AND HE'LL
3 TELL YOU A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THAT. I URGE YOU TO GIVE HIM A
4 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **KELLY SCHMAEDER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KELLY SCHMAEDER, I'M
7 THE ASSISTANT VICE CHANCELLOR FOR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AT
8 U.C.L.A. ON BEHALF OF THE ADMINISTRATION, THE FACULTY, STAFF
9 AND ESPECIALLY THE STUDENTS, WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS
10 INCREDIBLE HONOR. THE UNIVERSITY CERTAINLY RECOGNIZES THAT
11 SUSTAINABILITY IS A CRITICAL ISSUE BOTH LOCALLY AS WELL AS
12 GLOBALLY. AND IT'S CERTAINLY CORE TO OUR MISSION AS A PUBLIC
13 UNIVERSITY. SUSTAINABILITY IS EMBRACED CAMPUS-WIDE BY ALL
14 WALKS OF OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY. AND IN THE GRAND CHALLENGE, IN
15 OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY AND CITY, WE LOOK FORWARD TO
16 WORKING WITH YOU IN THE DECADES AHEAD TO MAKE THIS REGION
17 RESILIENT AND THRIVING FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. THANK YOU VERY
18 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY? SOMEONE LEFT THEIR
21 GLASSES UP HERE. ALL RIGHT. WE HAD SEVERAL FOLKS SIGN UP FOR
22 MULTIPLE ITEMS. WE'LL CALL THEM FIRST. ARNOLD SACHS, 6, 12,
23 25, 26. GENEVIEVE, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, 25, 27, 38, 42-B,
24 C.S.-3. ERIC PREVEN 6, 16 AND 32. WE'VE GOT THE AGENDA UNDER
25 CONTROL. I CALLED YOU ON YOUR ITEMS.

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1
2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** DID HOLD SEVERAL. ITEMS. LET'S SEE. I HELD ITEM
3 NO. 6. IT DEALS WITH A ROAD MAP FOR SUSTAINABILITY FOR WASTE
4 MANAGEMENT. SO I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD USE YOUR G.P.S. DO
5 YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'RE MISSING 6600 TONS FROM THE SUNSHINE
6 CANYON LANDFILL? IT STATES HERE, AND I'LL TELL YOU FROM-- THIS
7 IS FROM 2008. WE'RE GOING TO INCREASE THE SOLID WASTE INTAKE
8 FROM 6,000 TONS PER DAY TO 12,100 TONS PER DAY, INCREASING THE
9 WEEKLY INTAKE FROM 36,000 TONS TO 66,000 TONS. THAT'S 6600
10 TONS THAT ARE MISSING AND YOU WANT A ROAD MAP? YOU NEED THAT
11 G.P.S. YOU KNOW, IN REDONDO BEACH, THEY JUST HAD A MOTION,
12 THEY TALKED ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT AND THE COSTS. AND THEY
13 SAID THEY HAD SOME NUMBERS HERE. \$90 A TON AT THE LANDFILL
14 THEY USE. THAT'S \$3 MILLION A WEEK. FOR 6600 TONS. AT \$55 A
15 TON. THAT'S 1.77 MILLION A WEEK. AND AT \$20 A TON, THAT'S
16 825,000 A WEEK. SUSTAINABILITY FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT? YOU NEED
17 TO FIND THAT MONEY. WHERE'D THAT MONEY GO? HOW DO YOU ACCOUNT
18 FOR THAT? IT'S KIND OF DISTURBING. I HELD ITEM 25. IT'S A
19 HEALTHCARE CORPORATION FOR M.L.K. ANNUAL RENT TO BE
20 DETERMINED. AND CERNER IS GETTING MORE MONEY. DIDN'T THEY GET
21 HALF A BILLION DOLLARS ALREADY FOR CERNER? HOW MUCH MORE CAN
22 THEY MILK FROM THIS COUNTY? THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS. AND A HEALTH
23 CARE CORPORATION FOR M.L.K.? DOES THAT MEAN THE OTHER COUNTY
24 HOSPITALS WILL BE BECOMING CORPORATIONS, ALSO? ANOTHER
25 DIFFERENCE FOR THIS HOSPITAL JUST LIKE IT WAS BEFORE, THE \$300

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1 MILLION THEY WERE GETTING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, YOU RAN
2 IT INTO THE TOILET. ONLY YOU RAN IT LOWER INTO THE TOILET. AND
3 NOW YOU GET INTO A CORPORATION. HOW COME? WHAT RATIONALE, I'M
4 USING A METRO WORD HERE, RATIONALE TO MAKE IT INTO A
5 CORPORATION ALL OF A SUDDEN? DOES THAT ABSOLVE THE COUNTY FROM
6 ANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS THAT HAVE COME UP WITH THE
7 COUNTY? AND THEN I DID HOLD GRAND AVENUE PROJECT. QUITE THE
8 EXAMPLE THERE. THE COMPANY IS GOING TO SPEND PENNIES FOR EVERY
9 \$10 THEY MAKE IN RENT AND USAGE FOR THAT PROPERTY. PENNIES FOR
10 SOME PART AND EVERYBODY IS ECSTATIC ABOUT IT. IT IS SO OUT OF
11 CONTROL.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TIME'S UP. NEXT PLEASE.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YEAH, I KNOW MY TIME IS SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU,
16 SIR.

17

18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
19 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN ASKING A LOT OF
20 QUESTIONS ABOUT M.L.K. I STILL DID NOT GET THE INFORMATION I
21 HAVE REQUESTED. AND ALL OF A SUDDEN TODAY WE ARE GIVEN--
22 ALMOST BROKE MY ARM COMING HERE CARRYING ON THAT ITEM. AND TO
23 GIVE PEOPLE THREE MINUTES TO DEAL WITH THAT IS KIND OF
24 ASININE. BUT ALSO AGAIN UNDER C.S.-3, YOU ARE GOING TO A
25 CLOSED SESSION VIS-A-VIS THE LEASE FOR M.L.K. I KNOW YOU HAVE

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1 TRIED VERY HARD TO HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL TELLING ME IF THEY GIVE
2 THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED, THAT'S THE SAME AS A PUBLIC
3 HEARING. IT IS NOT. AND YOU KNOW MY ENGLISH IS QUITE
4 REMARKABLE. AND I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PUBLIC HEARING
5 AND THE NAME OF THE NEGOTIATOR. THAT DOES NOT MEAN A PUBLIC
6 HEARING. WE NEVER HAD A PUBLIC HEARING. AND MAYBE MR. KRATTLI
7 AND MR. VASE WHO IS THE ONE, WHO TALKED TO ME ABOUT IT, NEED
8 TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL SO THEY KNOW THE DIFFERENCE. WHEN IT
9 COMES TO M.L.K. AND WE HAVE THAT PACKAGE, WHERE WE NEED TO
10 AGREE TO A LEASE FOR 70 YEARS. 40 PLUS 10, THREE TIMES 10,
11 THAT'S 70 YEARS. WE DON'T KNOW THE COST OF THE LEASE. WE HAVE
12 ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT IT IS GOING TO BE. SO YOU CAN DECIDE
13 TO PAY THE LEASE TWICE A YEAR ONLY. THAT'S ANOTHER DEAL. AND
14 ALL OF A SUDDEN WE FIND OUT THAT THEY HAVE A NEW CORPORATION
15 THAT IS GOING TO BE RUNNING THE HOSPITAL. HOW THOSE PEOPLE
16 WERE SELECTED? THEY HAVE A NEW C.E.O., A NEW INFORMATION
17 TECHNOLOGY PERSON, HOW ARE THOSE PEOPLE SELECTED? HOW MUCH
18 COMMUNITY HAD TO SAY ABOUT IT? NOTHING. AND YOU KNOW WHEN I
19 SEE THE CONSTANT MONEY BEING GIVEN, AND HERE ON THIS AGREEMENT
20 TODAY WE'RE TALKING MUCHO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, WHERE THE
21 PUBLIC HAVE HAD NO INPUT WHATSOEVER. IT IS BEYOND MY
22 UNDERSTANDING. AND WE HAVE TO PAY MUCH MORE, AND TAKE LONGER
23 TO FINISH A HOSPITAL BECAUSE ALL OF A SUDDEN WE HAVE NEW
24 ISSUES. WE WANT TO MAKE THE OB-GYN SERVICE MORE, TO BE
25 EXPANDED. WE ARE TOTALLY IN AGREEMENT. BUT WE KNEW THAT IN

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1 2007 WHEN WE CLOSED M.L.K. IN THE FIRST PLACE. SO I AM NOT
2 PLEASED AT ALL. AND I THINK TO HAVE THAT KIND OF ITEM TODAY
3 PLACED TO US CONSTITUENTS IS A FARCE. I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD
4 BE APPROVED. AND I HOPE YOU, SUPERVISORS, TAKE YOUR TIME AND
5 DO NOT APPROVE THIS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND FOR YOUR READING PROJECT.
10 SOMETHING ABOUT OPIATES EPIDEMIC FROM "NURSING WORLD"
11 MAGAZINE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
16 DISTRICT 3 AND A THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CANDIDATE. TODAY
17 IS A BUSY DAY, CLEARLY AND ITEM 41 I THINK IS WHY ALL THE
18 MEDIA IS HERE FOR THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION'S RECEIVE AND
19 FILE. AND I GUESS THEY'LL GIVE US A LITTLE REPORT ABOUT THE
20 DEVASTATING STATE OF CRISIS IN OUR CHILDCARE PROTECTION GROUP.
21 OF COURSE THIS IS VERY, VERY WORRISOME. AND WHAT WE'RE GOING
22 TO DO ABOUT IT, I CAN URGE YOU TO NOT TO ASSIGN SOMEBODY FROM
23 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. WE TRIED THAT. LAST TIME, YOU UNIDID THAT.
24 IT DIDN'T WORK WELL. WE NEED SOMEBODY WHO IS REALLY
25 INDEPENDENT TO TAKE A LEADING ROLE. I KNOW THERE'S BIZARRE

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1 LANGUAGE THAT'S FALLEN OUT OF THE REPORT. THAT'S TOO BAD. I
2 HOPE WE CAN FIND SOME MEANINGFUL LEADER THAT CAN BE A CHANGE
3 AGENT WE NEED ON THAT. TODAY MISS MCDIVITT WAS AWARDED A NICE
4 SCROLL AND SHE'S GOING TO THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY TO
5 TAKE ANOTHER JOB FOR 150,000 SOMETHING GRAND. DON'T WORRY,
6 SHE'S GOING TO GET A SUPPLEMENT AS WELL, WHICH HAS BEEN BUILT
7 INTO THAT ITEM, SO IT IS NICE TO NOTE THAT WE ARE TAKING CARE
8 OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE SUCH A GOOD JOB DOWN HERE. WHAT WE
9 ARE NOT TAKING CARE OF IS THE PEOPLE WHO DRIVE IN FROM THE
10 INLAND EMPIRE AND VARIOUS PLACES TO GO TO THE BEACH DURING THE
11 SUMMER. ITEM 3 IS A PUBLIC HEARING THAT'S BEEN CONTINUED TODAY
12 BY THE SUPERVISORS TO RAISE THE FEES DURING A SUMMER MONTH,
13 TYPICAL FAMILY OF FOUR FROM \$10 TO \$15. OUCH COMES TO MIND.
14 THAT IS PAINFUL. THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENING AND IT'S
15 GOING TO RAISE APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION. IF YOU FOLLOW THE
16 MONEY, IT'S FOR ZUMA BEACH, IT'S FOR VENICE IN ROSE. THESE ARE
17 FOR REGULAR FOLKS WHO ARE GOING TO COME IN TO USE THE COAST,
18 HAVE ACCESS TO THE BEACH, ARE GOING TO BE TAGGED WITH
19 ADDITIONAL FEES. IT'S REALLY DISAPPOINTING. WHAT'S WORSE IS
20 THE PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN CONTINUED SO OTHER PEOPLE WON'T BE
21 ABLE TO REALLY ADDRESS IT LEST THEY WAIT UNTIL PUBLIC COMMENT
22 WHICH IS JUST VERY, VERY UPSETTING. AND ITEM NO. 32 TODAY IS
23 WE'VE GOT A ROBUST FLEET OF VEHICLES HERE AT L.A. COUNTY. AND
24 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS THE LEADER IN THAT FIELD. HE HAS
25 OVER 6,000 VEHICLES. AND SOME OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY POLICE

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1 CARS, WHICH OF COURSE WE WOULD APPROVE INSTANTLY. BUT MANY OF
2 THEM ARE RIDES FOR THE EXECUTIVES, 1500 OF THEM, TO BE
3 SPECIFIC. AND WE HAVE A DEAL WITH PENSKE WHO GET ABOUT \$47
4 MILLION TO SERVICE THOSE OVER A COUPLE YEARS, ABOUT 25 MILLION
5 A YEAR. NOW, WE'RE GIVING THEM A 9 PERCENT INCREASE. SO WHO
6 APPROVED THAT? WHO IS APPROVING THAT? THAT IS AN OUTRAGE TO ME
7 THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE PAYING SO MUCH MORE FOR STUFF THAT WE-
8 - OF COURSE WE HAVE TO MAINTAIN OUR VEHICLES, BUT WHO GETS A 9
9 PERCENT INCREASE? THE PUBLIC GETS A WORSE INCREASE OR THEIR
10 PARKING FEES, WHICH IS THE SAME GROUP, BY THE WAY, MODERN
11 PARKING INCORPORATED, WHO OPERATE THOSE PARKING LOTS DOWN BY
12 THE BEACHES. THERE ARE ABOUT 13, 15 CONTRACTS. AND THIS IS A
13 GROUP THAT LOBBIES THROUGH OR HAD LOBBIED THROUGH ENGLANDER,
14 KNABE AND ALLEN. IT WAS HIGHLY PROTESTED. THE WHOLE THING IRKS
15 ME. IT IS REALLY UPSETTING THAT WE ALLOW THAT THING TO HAPPEN.
16 ITEM 18 IS ANOTHER REAL STINKER THAT'S BEEN MOVED OFF THE
17 AGENDA. THIS IS AN IDEA WHERE SOMEONE HAS COME UP WITH A GREAT
18 IDEA, A LIVESCAN ICE CREAM GUYS ONLY. FORGET ABOUT ALL THE
19 OTHER CHARACTERS WHO INTERACT WITH CHILDREN. WE'RE JUST GOING
20 FOR THAT POPULACE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE
25 YOUR BOARD, ITEM NO. 6, 12, 16, 26, 27, 38 AND 42-B.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

3 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE
4 ORDER.

5

6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THEN ON ITEM NO. 32, I BELIEVE
7 THE C.E.O. WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS YOUR BOARD ON THIS ITEM?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON 32?

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ON 32 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD'S CONCERNS
12 REGARDING THE MULTIPLE EXTENSION REQUESTS OF THE PENSKE
13 CONTRACT, I ASK THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
14 TO SUBMIT A DETAILED PROJECT TIMELINE FOR EACH MAJOR TASK
15 RELATED TO THIS CONTRACT WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE STATEMENT
16 OF WORK TO THE SUBMISSION OF CONTRACTS TO THE BOARD FOR
17 APPROVAL. SECOND, COMPLETE THE R.F.P. PROCESS WITHIN 12 MONTHS
18 AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE PROGRESS OF THIS EFFORT AT
19 THREE MONTHS INTERVALS, SPECIFICALLY AT THE THIRD MONTHS FROM
20 TODAY'S DATE, THE SIXTH MONTH, THE NINTH MONTH UNTIL THE 12TH
21 MONTH WHEN THE CONTRACT IS RETURNED TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.
22 AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE ABOVE, I FURTHER ASK THAT THE
23 RECOMMENDATION IN THE BOARD LETTER SHOULD BE AMENDED AS
24 FOLLOWS: THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH PENSKE TO EXTEND THE TERM OF
25 THE CONTRACT FOR NOW JUST 12 MONTHS FROM MAY 1, 2014 TO MAY 1,

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1 2015. AND THAT WE INCREASE THE ANNUAL FIXED PRICE PORTION OF
2 THE AGREEMENT BY \$580,000 FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD. THANK YOU
3 VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WITH THAT CLARIFICATION, THE CHAIR
6 WILL MOVE THE ITEM. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

8

9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYTHING ELSE? ALL RIGHT. BEFORE WE GET
12 INTO THE OTHER PART OF THE AGENDA, I'M GOING TO ASK THAT WE
13 TAKE ITEM 41. THE CHAIR IS GOING TO CALL UP ITEM 41. WE'RE
14 DOING ITEM 41. AND THEN WE'LL DO ITEM NO. 5, OKAY? PROCEED.

15

16 **DAVID SANDERS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID
17 SANDERS. I'M THE CHAIR OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD
18 PROTECTION. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE INCREDIBLE
19 OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOU AND THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES AND
20 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND I PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
21 THE TALENTED, COMMITTED AND SKILLED COMMISSION MEMBERS THAT
22 EACH OF YOU APPOINTED. NINE OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS OF THE
23 10 COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE HERE. FIVE WILL PRESENT AS PART OF
24 THE FORMAL PRESENTATION. AND I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE THE
25 OTHERS, ALL OF WHOM ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. DEAN

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1 MARILYN FLYNN, RICHARD MARTINEZ, JANET TEAGUE AND JUDGE TERRY
2 FRIEDMAN. JUDGE DICK TREVIZIAN WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND. HE'S CO-
3 VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION ALONG WITH LESLIE GILBERT-LURIE.
4 TODAY WE'RE GOING TO REVIEW OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE ARE
5 FIVE AREAS THAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING. ONE, IDENTIFY A CLEAR
6 MISSION REGARDING CHILD SAFETY. TWO, PUT A STRUCTURE IN PLACE
7 THAT ASSURES ACHIEVEMENT OF THAT MISSION. OUR RECOMMENDATION
8 IS THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION. THREE, DEFINE MEASURES OF
9 ORGANIZATIONAL SUCCESS. FOUR, IMPLEMENT A SET OF EFFORTS THAT
10 IMPROVES SAFETY. THOSE ARE OUR PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS. AND,
11 FINALLY, ASSURE YOU HAVE SOME WAY TO INFORM YOU OF WHETHER
12 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU APPROVE HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. AND
13 THAT'S THE OVERSIGHT TEAM. THIS IS OUR CHARGE. OUR
14 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH OUR CHARGE. AND
15 SPECIFICALLY THE HIGHLIGHTED AREA OF REVIEWING STRUCTURAL AND
16 ORGANIZATIONAL BARRIERS. WE FOCUSED ON BOTH WHAT TO DO AND HOW
17 TO DO IT. SO I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO GABRIELLA HOLT TO
18 TALK ABOUT OUR FACT FINDING PROCESS.

19

20 **GABRIELLA HOLT, R.N.:** GOOD MORNING. OUR SUBCOMMITTEE WAS
21 TASKED TODAY DO AN OVERARCHING REVIEW OF REPORTS, FINDINGS,
22 RECOMMENDATIONS AND BOARD OF SUPERVISOR DIRECTIVES TARGETED
23 FOR L.A. COUNTY'S CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM. WE REVIEWED 30
24 REPORTS FROM OVER DOZEN REPORTING ENTITIES WHICH INCLUDED
25 APPROXIMATELY 800 RECOMMENDATIONS AND 100 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 DIRECTIVES FROM 2008 TO 2013. IN SHORT, THIS IS WHAT WE FOUND:
2 THE FOCUS OF THESE EXHAUSTIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IS
3 D.C.F.S. LEADING MOST OTHER RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES AND PROVIDERS
4 ON REVIEW. RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REPETITIVE AND CONCENTRATED ON
5 SPECIFIC AREAS SUCH AS THE HOTLINE, EXCESSIVE CASELOADS, LAW
6 ENFORCEMENT'S ROLE, THE MEDICAL HUBS, SLEEP ISSUES UNDER AGE 1
7 AND RISKS FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 AND UNDER. THERE IS NO
8 CENTRALIZED TRACKING SYSTEM NOR IS THERE A CENTRALIZED BODY
9 RESPONSIBLE TO VET, PRIORITIZE, IMPLEMENT AND EVALUATE THESE
10 RECOMMENDATIONS. THEREFORE, IMPLEMENTATIONS STATUS OF THE
11 RECOMMENDATIONS WAS DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO
12 DETERMINE. FEW OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEWED WERE DETERMINED
13 AS BEST PRACTICES OR ANY VERIFIABLE SOURCE FOR IMPROVING
14 OUTCOMES. IN OTHER WORDS, WILL THEY MAKE CHILDREN SAFER AND
15 IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES?
16 APPROXIMATELY 35 PERCENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAIN TO
17 INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION AND INFORMATION SHARING. WE FOUND A
18 LACK OF COORDINATION AMONG MULTIPLE COUNTY AGENCIES. DUE TO
19 THE LACK OF A CENTRALIZED SYSTEM TO MANAGE THE INFLUX AND
20 DISPOSITION OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE INFORMATION FLOODS
21 PRIMARILY TO D.C.F.S. THESE MYRIAD OF RECOMMENDATIONS ARE A
22 MULTI-LEVEL DISTRACTION FOR D.C.F.S. AWAY FROM THEIR CHILD
23 SAFETY MISSION TO ONE OF MANAGING A PLETHORA OF UNVETTED
24 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TOO MANY SOURCES, ALSO CAUSING DIVERSION
25 OF SCARCE RESOURCES AWAY FROM THE FRONTLINE, WHICH IS THE

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1 DOORSTEP OF CHILDREN AT RISK. THERE ARE 12 COUNTY COMMISSIONS
2 WHOSE MISSIONS TOUCH ON CHILD PROTECTION PRIMARILY DIRECTED AT
3 D.C.F.S., CREATING MULTIPLE REDUNDANT RECOMMENDATIONS, EVER
4 CHANGING POLICIES, INEFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES, AND LEAVING
5 OTHER RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES UNREVIEWED. LAST BUT NOT LEAST,
6 THERE ARE LITTLE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES REGARDING BOARD
7 DIRECTIVES. THERE IS NO APPARENT PROTOCOL OR PRACTICE FOR
8 REGULAR, PERIODIC STATUS REPORTS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR DIRECTIVES OR UPDATES IN GENERAL TO THE
10 BOARD REGARDING THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

11 [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **DAVID SANDERS:** WE ISSUED 10 INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS ON
16 DECEMBER 31ST, 2013. AND THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE COVERED IN
17 THE NEXT TWO SLIDES. ONE HIGHLIGHT ON THIS SLIDE IS THAT
18 CHILDREN UNDER 1 AND UNDER 5 REPORTED TO THE D.C.F.S. HOTLINE
19 ARE AT THE HIGHEST RISK FOR LATER FATALITY OF ANY GROUP, AND
20 THAT'S REGARDLESS OF THE DISPOSITION. AS MANY AS 80 PERCENT OF
21 THOSE CHILDREN RECEIVE ONLY AN INVESTIGATION FROM THE
22 DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW. WE URGE ACTION ON THAT GROUP. NEXT
23 SLIDE. WITHIN THE EXISTING STRUCTURE, IN THE SHORT-TERM, WE
24 RECOMMEND THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TAKE A LEAD ROLE IN
25 ASSURING COORDINATION BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CHILD

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1 PROTECTION. WE FOUND IN FATALITY CASES CHILDREN FALLING
2 THROUGH THE CRACKS BETWEEN THESE TWO SYSTEMS, AND THE DISTRICT
3 ATTORNEY CAN ASSURE BOTH THAT INFORMATION IS SHARED AND CAN
4 ASSURE THE QUALITY OF INVESTIGATIONS. FINALLY, WE BELIEVE IF
5 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES CAN BE THE LEAD IN SERVICE
6 PROVISION FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN THROUGH THE
7 MEDICAL HUBS, PARTICULARLY FOR INFANTS, THAT HIGH RISK GROUP.
8 IN OTHER WORDS, WE BELIEVE THERE CAN BE A ONE STOP SHOP FOR
9 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHO ARE INVESTIGATED BY D.C.F.S. FOR
10 INFANTS UNDER 1. NOW I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO DR. RICH TO
11 TALK ABOUT HOW TO SUSTAIN IMPROVEMENT, OUR FINAL REPORT
12 RECOMMENDATION.

13

14 **DR. ANDREA L. RICH:** THANK YOU. WE ESTABLISHED A SUBCOMMITTEE
15 OF THE COMMISSION ON STRUCTURE. AND WHILE THERE'S A FULL
16 DISCUSSION IN OUR REPORT THAT YOU HAVE ON THE SYSTEMIC FLAWS
17 THAT REQUIRE POLICY REFORM AND ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING, I
18 WON'T GO INTO THAT NOW, JUST TO SAY THAT IN RESPONSE TO OUR
19 FINDING, THAT THE PRESENT STATE OF THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM IS
20 IN CRISIS, THIS COMMISSION URGES THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
21 ACKNOWLEDGE THIS STATE OF EMERGENCY BY ADOPTING A MISSION
22 STATEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT, ONE, SETS THE WELFARE
23 OF CHILDREN AS ITS HIGHEST PRIORITY; TWO, ESTABLISHES A COUNTY
24 SERVICE PHILOSOPHY THAT IS CHILD-CENTERED AND FAMILY-FOCUSED;
25 AND, THREE, UNDERTAKES THE REQUIRED RESTRUCTURING OF

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1 ORGANIZATIONS, PROCESSES AND SYSTEMS ESSENTIAL TO THE REFORM
2 EFFORT. OUR COMMITTEE DEALT WITH NOT NECESSARILY WHAT TO DO
3 PROGRAMMATICALLY BUT HOW TO GET ANYTHING DONE. AND ASKED
4 OURSELVES THE QUESTION: CAN THE EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS EXTANT
5 WITHIN THE COUNTY TODAY EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT A DIFFERENT
6 APPROACH THAN IS NOW THE CASE IN ORDER TO BRING AND UNIFY A
7 CHILD WELFARE PLAN TOGETHER? AFTER A LOT OF INTERVIEWS AND
8 TESTIMONY, WE DETERMINED THAT WE FOUND NONE WITHIN THE
9 EXISTING SETUP HAS HAD THE LEADERSHIP, EXPERTISE OR
10 OVERARCHING AUTHORITY TO BUILD A UNIFIED SYSTEM NECESSARY FOR
11 EFFECTIVE REFORM. THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THE REFORM CHALLENGE
12 REQUIRES SPECIAL LEADERSHIP AND THE FORCE OF A CHANGE AGENT
13 AND IT, THEREFORE, AS COMMISSIONER SANDERS RECOMMENDED,
14 ADVOCATES THE CREATION OF AN OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION. NOW,
15 BEFORE WE SAY WHAT IT IS, LET ME SAY WHAT IT ISN'T, SINCE
16 WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF WHAT I THINK IS MISINFORMATION ABOUT WHAT
17 THE PROPOSAL IS. IT IS NOT A LARGE ADDITIONAL BUREAUCRATIC
18 LAYER TO ADD AN TO AN OVERLY COMPLICATED BUREAUCRATIC MAZE. IT
19 IS NOT AN OVERARCHING AUTHORITY TO STIFLE DEPARTMENTAL
20 AUTONOMY AND INNOVATION. IT IS NOT A SPONGE TO SOAK UP
21 VALUABLE CHILD WELFARE DOLLARS INTO ADMINISTRATION THAT SHOULD
22 GO DIRECTLY TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES. IF IT SHOULD BECOME THAT,
23 YOU SHOULD DO AWAY WITH IT IMMEDIATELY. THE MAJORITY OF THE
24 COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THE CREATION OF THIS OFFICE AND WILL BE
25 LED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EXPERT AND SKILLED IN

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1 ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION AND INFORMED AND COMMITTED TO
2 EFFECTIVE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEMS. THIS INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL
3 OFFICE WOULD CREATE AND IMPLEMENT AN ONGOING STRATEGIC
4 PLANNING PROCESS INCLUSIVE OF ALL DEPARTMENTS AND ALL
5 CONSTITUENCIES RELEVANT TO CHILD WELFARE, WHICH WOULD RESULT
6 IN A SINGLE STATEMENT OF MEASURABLE GOALS WHICH WOULD THEN
7 DIRECT ALL RELEVANT PROGRAMS AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. THIS
8 OFFICE WOULD OVERSEE AND COORDINATE A DIFFERENT KIND OF BUDGET
9 REVIEW AND ALLOCATION PROCESS, WHICH INCLUDES ALL PAST AND
10 PRESENT RESOURCES RELEVANT TO CHILD WELFARE REGARDLESS OF HOW
11 THEY WERE ALLOCATED PREVIOUSLY. AND THEY WOULD BE APPROPRIATED
12 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOALS STATED AND ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD
13 OF SUPERVISORS IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN. THIS UNIT WOULD REVIEW
14 ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONS AND ADVISORY BODIES FOR STREAMLINING.
15 AND IT WOULD, FINALLY, ESTABLISH A PROGRAM OF EVALUATING
16 GOALS, TIMELINES AND OUTCOMES AND INSTITUTE A PROCESS OF
17 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT. THIS IS THE UNIT THAT WOULD IN OUR
18 VIEW BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE BOARD AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
19 SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF A UNIFIED SYSTEM. RATHER THAN
20 ANOTHER LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY, IT SHOULD ACT AS A KNIFE THAT
21 CUTS THROUGH BUREAUCRATIC LAYERS, AN ENGINE WITH THE SOLE
22 PURPOSE OF DRIVING THE INTERCONNECTION OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
23 TOWARD A UNIFIED SYSTEM THAT MOBILIZES ALL RELEVANT RESOURCES
24 TOWARD A COMMON GOAL. FINALLY, LET ME SAY THE COMMISSION
25 ACKNOWLEDGES THAT CHANGE OF THIS SORT IS DIFFICULT IN A LARGE,

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1 COMPLEX ORGANIZATION. AND THEREFORE WE URGE THE BOARD TO DO
2 ALL YOU CAN TO SUPPORT THE EFFORT. WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM THE
3 TOP AND THE WIND TO ITS BACK, ANY REFORM OF THIS MAGNITUDE
4 WILL FAIL. THANK YOU.

5

6 **DAVID SANDERS:** WE'LL TURN IT OVER TO DAN. COMMISSIONER SCOTT?

7

8 **SGT. DAN SCOTT:** GOOD MORNING. THE COMMISSION IS PLEASED THAT
9 THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY INSTITUTED
10 NEW PROCEDURES FOR PATROL DEPUTIES TO INVESTIGATE, TRACK AND
11 CROSS-REPORT ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE. THE OTHER 45 LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE COUNTY SHOULD DO THE SAME. THE
13 COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT E.S.C.A.R.S., ELECTRONIC SUSPECTED
14 CHILD ABUSE REPORTING SYSTEM, IS A CRITICAL LINK OF
15 COMMUNICATION BETWEEN D.C.F.S., LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND
17 ENHANCED TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS. WE BELIEVE THAT A NEW
18 E.S.C.A.R.S. UNIT WITHIN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL
19 ENSURE A HIGHER QUALITY OF RESPONSE CONSISTENT ACROSS
20 DEPARTMENTS, PROVIDE NEEDED TRAINING, AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE
21 MONITORING OF CROSS-REPORTING BETWEEN AGENCIES. ONE
22 ENHANCEMENT THAT WE FEEL COULD HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT WOULD
23 BE A HIGH RISK EARLY WARNING SYSTEM INCORPORATED INTO
24 E.S.C.A.R.S. WE KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE AND TESTIMONY THAT THERE
25 ARE FACTORS COMMON TO SERIOUS CHILD ABUSE CASES AND CHILD

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1 ABUSE-RELATED HOMICIDES. BY IDENTIFYING THESE FACTORS TO ACT
2 AS TRIGGERS WITHIN E.S.C.A.R.S., THAT WHEN ACTIVATED, WOULD
3 IMMEDIATELY ALERT NOT ONLY THE SOCIAL WORKER AND LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE FIELD BUT ALSO THEIR SUPERVISORS
5 AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF HIGH RISK CASES. AS A
6 RETIRED VETERAN OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SPECIAL VICTIMS
7 BUREAU, I HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN CHILD ABUSE CASES AND
8 WITH E.S.C.A.R.S., AND BELIEVE THIS NEW SYSTEM WILL SAVE LIVES
9 AND COULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHORT ORDER. THANK YOU.

10

11 **DAVID SANDERS:** NOW COMMISSIONER GILBERT-LURIE?

12

13 **LESLIE GILBERT-LURIE, J.D.:** GOOD MORNING. I'M GOING TO TOUCH
14 ON TWO AREAS OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS VERY QUICKLY AND MAKE A
15 FEW CONCLUDING REMARKS. FIRST, I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT KINSHIP.
16 THE COMMISSION LEARNED THAT KINSHIP CARE IS THE MOST FREQUENT
17 PLACEMENT OPTION FOR CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY, AND IT PROVIDES
18 IMPORTANT BENEFITS OF STABILITY AND SAFETY FOR CHILDREN.
19 DESPITE THIS, CHILDREN IN KINSHIP CARE AND THEIR CAREGIVERS
20 ARE AMONG THE MOST UNDERSERVED IN THE COUNTY'S CHILD WELFARE
21 SYSTEM. THEY RECEIVE LOWER PAYMENTS AND GAIN ACCESS TO FEWER
22 SERVICES THAN UNRELATED FOSTER PARENTS AND THE CHILDREN THEY
23 TAKE CARE OF. MANY KINSHIP FAMILIES ARE LITERALLY BEING
24 PLUNGED INTO POVERTY. THE COMMISSION, THEREFORE, BELIEVES THAT
25 A CHILD'S FUNDING SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE NEEDS OF THE

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1 CHILD, NOT BY WHETHER PLACEMENT HAPPENS TO BE WITH A RELATIVE
2 OR A NON-RELATIVE. AND WE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COUNTY UTILIZE
3 TITLE 3 WAIVER DOLLARS TO ENSURE PARITY OF FUNDING WITH
4 BETWEEN-RELATIVE AND NON-RELATIVE FOSTER FAMILIES. WE ALSO
5 HOPE THAT THE COUNTY ENSURES THAT RELATIVE CAREGIVERS HAVE
6 BETTER ACCESS TO RESOURCES SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES,
7 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES THAT NON-RELATIVES CURRENTLY HAVE BETTER
8 KNOWLEDGE ABOUT AND ACCESS TO. WITH RESPECT TO EDUCATION, WE
9 LEARNED THAT YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE FACE AN INORDINATE NUMBER OF
10 CHALLENGES IN COMPLETING THEIR EDUCATION. 80 PERCENT OF
11 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ARE HELD BACK IN SCHOOL AT LEAST ONCE
12 BY THE TIME THEY REACH THIRD GRADE. AND ON AVERAGE THEY LOSE
13 OVER THREE YEARS OF CRITICAL LEARNING DUE TO MULTIPLE CHANGES
14 IN FOSTER HOMES. BECAUSE SCHOOL PROVIDES A SAFETY NET FOR
15 FOSTER YOUTH AND BECAUSE GRADUATING FROM SCHOOL PROVIDES
16 OPPORTUNITY FOR A SAFER FUTURE, THEY NEED BETTER EDUCATION
17 COORDINATION, STABILITY, CONTINUITY, ADVOCACY AND OPPORTUNITY.
18 AND WE MADE ONE SPECIFIC-- I WANT TO POINT TO, WE MADE SEVERAL
19 RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT ONE. OUR
20 COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT THE COUNTY INCREASE ACCESS TO
21 EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN AND CHILDREN
22 AT HIGH RISK OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT. ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE
23 SUPERVISION OF D.C.F.S. BETWEEN ZERO TO FIVE SHOULD BE
24 PRIORITIZED TO ACCESS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION LEARNING
25 PROGRAMS, INCLUDING HEAD START, EARLY HEAD START AND HOME

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1 VISITATION. A FEW CONCLUDING REMARKS. WHAT YOU'VE HEARD TODAY
2 IS A VERY BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF EIGHT MONTHS OF DEEP THOUGHT AND
3 HARD WORK ABOUT A VERY COMPLEX ISSUE ON THE PART OF A GROUP OF
4 PEOPLE WHO CARE AS MUCH AS EACH OF YOU DO ABOUT MAKING THE
5 COUNTY A SAFER PLACE FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN. WE
6 BELIEVE THAT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS WILL KEEP CHILDREN SAFER. WE
7 ALSO BELIEVE THAT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL OUR IMPORTANT
8 RECOMMENDATIONS IS TO PUT A NEW STRUCTURE IN PLACE, A
9 STRUCTURE WHERE THE WELL-BEING OF THE ENTIRE CHILD, FROM BIRTH
10 UNTIL ADULTHOOD, PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY,
11 ACADEMICALLY, LEGALLY, ULTIMATELY RESTS WITH ONE INDIVIDUAL
12 OVERSEEING ONE INTEGRATED COUNTY SYSTEM. THIS DIRECTOR'S JOB
13 ONLY WOULD BE TO ENSURE THAT ALL ENTITIES IT OVERSEES WORK
14 COLLABORATIVELY TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE, HEALTHY AND ON
15 TRACK TO REACH HIS OR HER POTENTIAL. RECOMMENDATIONS WILL COME
16 AND GO. AS WE ALL NOW CAN RECITE IN OUR SLEEP, THERE HAVE BEEN
17 HUNDREDS OF THEM. THE PROBLEM FUNDAMENTALLY IS NOT A LACK OF
18 GOOD IDEAS OR GOOD PEOPLE. WE CAME ACROSS A LOT OF WELL-
19 INTENDED PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY. UNDOUBTEDLY, EVEN THAT ROAD OUT
20 TO 8-YEAR-OLD GABRIEL FERNANDEZ'S HOME IN PALMDALE WAS ONCE
21 PAVED WITH SOME GOOD INTENTIONS. BUT A SOLID STRUCTURE THAT
22 TAKES IN GOOD IDEAS, ASSESSES THEM, FUNDS THEM, IMPLEMENTS
23 THEM AND HOLDS PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE FOR BETTER RESULTS THAN IN
24 THE PAST WILL LEAD TO SUSTAINABLE CHANGE. AND THAT'S WHAT WE
25 FOCUSED ON, SUSTAINABLE CHANGE. AN OVERSIGHT TEAM TO HELP PUT

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1 THIS IN PLACE THAT WILL OVERSEE NOT ONLY D.C.F.S.'S WORK BUT
2 THE WORK ACROSS ALL RELEVANT COUNTY AGENCIES WILL HELP PUT OUR
3 RECOMMENDATIONS IN PLACE. YOU ASKED FOR OUR HELP AND OUR
4 THOUGHTS AND OUR TIME. WE'VE GIVEN YOU THE BEST OF ALL OF
5 THESE. AND WE REMAIN READY TO HELP ALL ALONG THE WAY AS YOU
6 CONSIDER AND HOPEFULLY BEGIN TO IMPLEMENT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS.
7 I ALSO WANT TO URGE YOU, AS OUR CHAIR DID EARLY ON, TO DIRECT
8 QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE TODAY NOT ONLY TO THOSE OF US BUT OUR
9 OTHER THREE OUTSTANDING COMMISSIONERS, COMMISSIONER FRIEDMAN,
10 COMMISSIONER FLYNN AND COMMISSIONER TEAGUE, YOU'RE GOING TO
11 HEAR FROM ONE OTHER OF OUR COMMISSIONERS RIGHT NOW. WE WERE
12 JUST MOVED BY A STORY HE TOLD US IN ONE OF OUR HEARINGS, AND
13 WE WANTED YOU TO HEAR IT FIRSTHAND. THIS IS COMMISSIONER
14 MARTINEZ. THANK YOU.

15

16 **RICHARD MARTINEZ:** I WENT THROUGH THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM FOR 7
17 YEARS OF MY CHILDHOOD. IT HAPPENED TO BE AN AUNTIE WHO CAME
18 INTO MY LIFE THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE. SHE
19 ALSO LIVED IN POVERTY, LIKE MANY OF OUR PARENTS THAT ARE IN
20 FOSTER CARE SYSTEMS. AND SHE THOUGHT I WAS COMING FOR ONLY TWO
21 WEEKS TO HER HOME. 20 YEARS LATER, I WAS GRADUATING FROM CAL
22 STATE LOS ANGELES AND SHE WAS THERE FOR THOSE 20 YEARS SHE
23 CARED FOR ME. I'D LIKE TO THANK OUR COUNSELORS OF L.A.
24 UNIFIED, OUR TEACHERS, COACHES, THAT CONNECTED ME TO WHAT WAS
25 RIGHT AT SCHOOLS. I THRIVED BECAUSE OF THESE SUPPORT SYSTEMS.

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1 BACK WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I DO REMEMBER ONE THING. WHEN I DID
2 SEE A SOCIAL WORKER AND WHEN I WENT TO COURT, I WAS NEVER
3 CALLED BY A NAME. I WAS CALLED BY A NUMBER, AND I LACKED A
4 NAME, SO THERE WASN'T ANYTHING PERSONAL. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE
5 THAT WE GIVE OUR FOSTER YOUTH THE OPPORTUNITIES OF SERVICE, OF
6 SUPPORT, AND OF CARE. BY AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE IT DOES
7 TAKE A VILLAGE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE. SO THEY
8 CAN ALSO BE A SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, A JUDGE, A POLICE
9 OFFICER, A DOCTOR OR A SOCIAL WORKER. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **DAVID SANDERS:** THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS. MR. CHAIR, WE ARE
12 AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, I THINK
15 WE ALL HAVE SAID THAT WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS AS A MEMBER
16 OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. ALTHOUGH, YOU KNOW, GETTING
17 THIS DOCUMENT LATE ON FRIDAY, IT'S PRETTY INTENSE, AND A LOT
18 OF RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. AND NEEDS TO BE TAKEN IN
19 CONCERT WITH A CURRENT EFFORTS OF TRYING TO REFORM A WELFARE
20 SYSTEM ON BEHALF OF THESE KIDS AS WELL AS ANY LEGAL CHALLENGES
21 THAT MAY BE PRESENTED BY SOME OF YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. I THINK
22 WE ALL KNOW THAT WE TAKE THE RECOMMENDATIONS VERY SERIOUSLY AS
23 WELL AS THOSE THAT I THINK ONE MEMBER HAVE RECOMMENDED OVER
24 875 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 2668 DIFFERENT COMMISSIONS ON
25 CHILDREN. BUT WE AREN'T CLOSED OFF IN ANY WAY OF HOW TO DO

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1 BUSINESS, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO PROTECTING THE MOST
2 VULNERABLE. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO EVALUATE FULLY EACH OF THE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS AND DETERMINE WHETHER IT ADDS OR DETRACTS OR
4 DUPLICATES THE COUNTY'S CHILD PROTECTION EFFORTS. SO I'M GOING
5 TO PUT OUT BECAUSE WE DO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WANT
6 TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS ON YOUR REPORT. AND I WILL ASK OTHER
7 MEMBERS IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO PUT
8 OUT A MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND I HAVE IN
9 THANKING YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS. HOWEVER, BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD
10 WITH ANY OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, OUR CURRENT EFFORTS TO
11 REFORM MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AS WELL AS I MENTIONED THE
12 LEGAL CHALLENGES THAT SOME OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS MAY
13 PRESENT. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE COUNTY TAKE
14 SERIOUSLY EACH OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THERE HAVE BEEN
15 HUNDREDS OF THEM OVER TIME AND VERY SERIOUSLY THE
16 RECOMMENDATIONS YOU ALL HAVE MADE, AND EXTENSIVE EFFORTS, AND
17 WE APPRECIATE THAT. SO, WITH THAT WE WOULD MOVE THAT THE CHIEF
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW AS WELL
20 AS OUR OFFICE AS WELL THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION REPORT AND
21 RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A FISCAL AS WELL AS
22 A LEGAL ANALYSIS AND REPORT BACK ON THE MAY 20TH MEETING WHICH
23 IS JUST IN A FEW WEEKS. AND THE CHAIR WILL FIND A TIME, IT
24 WILL BE A SET TIME WHEN WE DEAL WITH THAT. AND I PUT THAT OUT
25 THERE ON THE TABLE.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT? YES.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CHAIRMAN, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE
7 TO BE HEARD.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME QUICKLY ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH THE
12 AFFIRMATION THAT SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY EXTENDED TODAY THE
13 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. I THINK IT REPRESENTS HIGH QUALITY
14 WORK, THOROUGH WORK AND I BELIEVE THAT IT IS A POTENTIAL
15 BREAKTHROUGH MOMENT. IT NOT ONLY IDENTIFIES THE PROBLEM OR
16 PROBLEMS, IT PROVIDES SOLUTIONS. AND FOR THAT, I WISH TO SAY
17 THANK YOU. IT IS CONSTRUCTIVE, IT IS CLEAR, AND IT IS
18 FORCEFUL. AND I BELIEVE WE MAY NOW HAVE A ROAD MAP TO MOVE OR
19 REMOVE SOME OF THE PAST CYCLE OF HYSTERIA SURROUNDING CHILD
20 WELFARE THAT IS A RECURRENT THEME AND MAY HAVE BEEN IN MANY
21 WAYS CONSIDERED COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. THIS IS CONSTRUCTIVE. IT IS
22 FORWARD LOOKING, AND IT REPRESENTS THE VIEWS OF AND OBVIOUSLY
23 DIVERSE, THAT IS TO SAY NOT A MONOLITHIC, A GROUP OF EXPERTS.
24 AND THAT'S WHAT WE WANTED. AND THE BOARD ITSELF IS TO BE
25 COMPLIMENTED FOR MAKING SUCH HIGH QUALITY RECOMMENDATIONS. THE

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1 FLURRY OF NEWS REPORTS AND HASTY ACTIONS IN OUR REGION AND
2 ACROSS THE NATION AROUND THIS ISSUE HAS REPEATED ITSELF FOR
3 MANY DECADES. I THINK IT'S TIME TO SAY, ENOUGH. THAT'S WHY, IN
4 MY VIEW, I CONSIDER THIS A BREAKTHROUGH MOMENT. IT'S TIME TO
5 ACT, NOT BLAME. AND I DON'T SEE BLAME IN THIS REPORT. I SEE
6 ANALYSIS, I SEE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITIQUE. THE DISTINCTION IS
7 APPROPRIATELY MADE. AND I THINK THE BOARD, AGAIN, IS TO BE
8 ACKNOWLEDGED FOR APPOINTING SUCH A FORWARD-LOOKING AND
9 COMPETENT GROUP OF EXPERTS. AND AS EXPECTED, THE RESPECT
10 THAT'S ACCORDED TO YOU AS YOUR POSITIONS IN MANY RESPECTS ARE
11 AUTHORITATIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO PUT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS
12 FORWARD GIVE US A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON KEEPING
13 CHILDREN OUT OF HARM'S WAY. IT MAXIMIZES CHILD PROTECTION AND
14 SAFETY. YOU UNDERScore THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT IS URGENT AND I
15 SIMPLY WISH TO EMBRACE THAT POINT OF VIEW. I THINK THE BOARD
16 HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE DELIBERATIVE WITH RESPECT TO
17 ANALYZING AND DISPOSING OF ANY RECOMMENDATIONS. THAT'S
18 CERTAINLY APPROPRIATE. THE DELIBERATION SHOULD NOT COMPOUND
19 THE EXISTING PROBLEM. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU CAN BE
20 DELIBERATE AND DECISIVE AT ONCE. AND THAT SEEMS TO ME TO BE
21 WHAT URGENCY WOULD SUGGEST. AND AS WE CONSIDER WE SHOULD ALSO
22 CONSIDER HOW WE MOVE FORWARD. NOT STASIS. THIS IS A DYNAMIC
23 PROCESS. AND WE MUST NOT INTENTIONALLY OR UNINTENTIONALLY KICK
24 THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD. WE CAN'T DO THAT. HALFWAY POINTED TO GO
25 FORWARD AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO EMBRACE IT AND NOT WAIT TILL

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1 THE NEXT CRISIS PRESENTS ITSELF. THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO NOW TO
2 BE BETTER. WHAT'S THE KEEN INSIGHT THAT I THINK HAS BEEN
3 BROUGHT TO BEAR? THIS IS NO SINGLE DEPARTMENT'S PROBLEM OR
4 FAULT. THE WISDOM IN THIS REPORT IS THAT IT HELPS US
5 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE INTERLOCKING SYSTEMS THAT HAVE
6 CONTRIBUTED TO THE DYSFUNCTION AS IT RELATES TO MAXIMIZING
7 CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY. CLEAR, CLEAN, CONSTRUCTIVE
8 CRITIQUE. JUMPING ON ANY SINGLE DEPARTMENT DOESN'T FIX THIS.
9 THIS IS SYSTEMIC IN NATURE. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
10 TEASING OUT THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND SPELLING OUT WHAT
11 ACCOUNTABILITY COULD VERY WELL LOOK LIKE. MEDICAL SCREENINGS
12 FOR ALL CHILDREN ENTERING PLACEMENT FOR THOSE WHO UNDER ONE
13 YEAR OF AGE WHO ARE SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION JUST SEEMS TO ME
14 TO BE A COMMON- SENSICAL WAY TO PROCEED. PAIRING UP PUBLIC
15 HEALTH NURSES AND INVESTIGATING SOCIAL WORKERS, BASIC KINDS OF
16 THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE. ESTABLISHING A TEAM,
17 INTERDEPARTMENTAL IN NATURE, THAT WILL TAKE US FROM HERE TO
18 THE NEXT STEPS MOVING TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION SUBJECT TO THE
19 VETTING THAT HAS BEEN CALLED FOR SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS DONE WITH
20 THE INTERIM REPORT SEEMS TO ME TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE
21 DELIBERATIVE WAY OF HANDLING THE BUSINESS THAT IS BEFORE US.
22 THERE IS NO NEED TO RUSH TO JUDGMENT. BUT THERE IS A NEED TO
23 BE DECISIVE AND TO CLAIM THE NARRATIVE THAT THIS IS AN URGENT
24 MATTER FOR US TO ATTEND TO, MUCH AS HAS BEEN THE CASE FOR THE
25 COMMISSION AND THE WAY IN WHICH IT HAS CONDUCTED ITS BUSINESS.

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1 COLLEAGUES, I DO NOT BELIEVE, MR. CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I DO
2 NOT BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD LET THE BLUE RIBBON'S FINDINGS
3 GATHER DUST. WE SHOULD ACT, AND ACT IN A WAY THAT IS
4 ENCOURAGING OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND PUBLIC TRUST. THE MOTION
5 THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ARTICULATED SUGGESTS THAT WE OUGHT TO
6 INDEED TAKE SERIOUSLY WHAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION,
7 AND I SUPPORT THE THRUST OF THAT MOTION. I WOULD SIMPLY WANT
8 TO SAY THAT ACTING DECISIVELY MUST BE THE WAY IN WHICH WE MOVE
9 FORWARD. I UNDERScore THAT THERE ARE SPECIFIC THINGS THAT CAN
10 AND SHOULD BE DONE. THE CHILD WELFARE ADVOCATES AND ACTIVISTS
11 NEED TO BE IN COLLABORATION WITH US. THE ISSUE FOR US IS THAT
12 REFORM HAS TO BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY AT A SYSTEMIC LEVEL. AND
13 I THINK THAT WE OUGHT TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT WE DO
14 TODAY AND BEYOND. MR. CHAIRMAN, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, I
15 WILL SUMMARIZE MY REMARKS BY WAY OF SETTING FORTH A MOTION
16 THAT IS CONSISTENT. I WOULD HOPE WITH THAT WHICH HAS BEEN
17 ALREADY ARTICULATED AND WOULD SCHEDULE IT TO BE HEARD MORE
18 SUBSTANTIVELY AT THE DATE YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, NAMELY MAY
19 20TH. BUT I THINK THERE ARE SOME PRIORITY ISSUES THAT THE
20 BOARD NEEDS TO LAY CLAIM TO. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
21 ADDRESS THE ISSUE, AND I WANT TO THANK THE BLUE RIBBON
22 COMMISSION FOR ITS EXCELLENT WORK.

23
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, FIRST OF ALL, LET ME
2 EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO THE COMMISSION. I KNOW THAT WHEN WE
3 LOOKED AT THE POTENTIAL OF A COMMISSION. EVERYBODY SAID, "OH
4 NO, ANOTHER COMMISSION." BUT VERY FRANKLY, I KNOW THAT I
5 WORKED HARD IN THINKING OF THE KIND OF CONTRIBUTION I WOULD
6 MAKE BY THE KIND OF PEOPLE I WOULD RECOMMEND. AND I'M SURE
7 THAT EACH OF MY COLLEAGUES DID THE SAME THING. I KNOW THAT THE
8 TWO FOLKS THAT I RECOMMENDED TO THIS COMMISSION, I KNOW THAT
9 THEY WERE TALENTED AND CAPABLE AND HAD A SKILL SET THAT THEY
10 COULD SHARE WITH OTHERS TO PROVIDE SO MUCH TO THIS BOARD. I
11 THINK THAT IS EQUALLY TRUE OF EACH OF THE APPOINTEES THAT ALL
12 OF OUR COLLEAGUES HAVE APPOINTED TO THIS COMMISSION. BUT I
13 CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR THE LONG HOURS. I THINK THAT TIME
14 IS ALWAYS-- THERE'S SO MUCH GOING ON. BUT THE KIND OF
15 DEDICATION AND EFFORT THAT EACH OF YOU HAVE PUT IN, AS FAR AS
16 THE TIME COMMITMENT AND ATTENDING ALL OF THE HEARINGS AND
17 PARTICIPATING VERY THOUGHTFULLY IN EACH OF THESE DISCUSSIONS
18 BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THINKING HARD ABOUT HOW DO WE SOLVE THIS
19 ISSUE? WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH IT FOREVER. I THINK THAT ALL OF
20 US WERE PAINED THE DAY WE PICKED UP THE NEWSPAPER AND READ
21 ABOUT POOR GABRIEL FERNANDEZ, AND I KNOW THAT IN YOUR
22 COMMISSION REPORT, YOU START WITH THAT STATEMENT SAYING "WE
23 CAN'T EVER ALLOW IT TO HAPPEN AGAIN." BUT I HAVE BEEN HERE FOR
24 ALMOST 21 YEARS, AND I'VE NEVER HAD SUCH A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY
25 AS IT HAS BEEN TO TAKE CARE OF THESE CHILDREN, TO HAVE DUTY

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1 AND RESPONSIBILITY. AND SOMEONE MENTIONED ON THE COMMISSION, I
2 THINK IT WAS THE VICE CHAIR, ABOUT THAT THERE WERE MANY GOOD
3 INTENTIONS. YOU WILL SEE TIME AND TIME AGAIN MY COLLEAGUES AND
4 MYSELF HAVE INTRODUCED MOTION UPON MOTION AS TO HOW TO CORRECT
5 THE LITTLE THINGS HERE AND THERE. HOW TO START LOOKING AT IT.
6 HOW TO MAYBE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE THESE
7 ILL-FATED CONCLUSIONS FOR SO MANY OF THESE CHILDREN. AND YET
8 AT THE SAME TIME, I DON'T THINK THAT WE HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO
9 STEP BACK AND LOOK AT IT OVERALL. AND I THINK THAT IS OUR
10 FAILING IN ALL THESE YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN SERVING. SO I
11 APPRECIATE THE KIND OF EFFORT AND THE TIME THAT YOU HAVE PUT
12 IN TO STEP BACK, LOOK AT IT OVERALL, MAKE THE KIND OF
13 CONCLUSIONS THAT YOU HAVE, THAT WE REALLY NEED TO FOCUS OUR
14 MISSION, FOCUS OUR DIRECTION AND FOCUS OUR STRUCTURE TO REALLY
15 MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD, NOT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE
16 COURTS, OF THE PARENTS, OF THE COUNTY, OF THE BUREAUCRATS, BUT
17 REALLY THE CHILD. AND TO CIRCLE AND FIND A WAY THAT EVERY
18 SINGLE ONE OF US ARE GOING TO CREATE AND BE A PART OF A
19 MECHANISM TO HEAL THE NEEDS OF THIS CHILD, AS MANY TIMES ONLY
20 A NUMBER AND NEVER A NAME. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, HOW WE
21 APPROACH IT AND HOW WE DEAL WITH IT IS GOING TO BE THE TOUGH
22 PART. TRYING TO BUILD CONSENSUS LIKE MANY OF YOU ALREADY HAVE,
23 TRYING TO LOOK AT THOSE OPPORTUNITIES TO REFORM THE SYSTEM,
24 WHICH I THINK IS SO VERY ESSENTIAL. I THINK THIS BOARD IS
25 COMMITTED TO THIS REFORM. I KNOW THAT SOME HAVE ALREADY SAID

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1 THAT THEY DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS A WORTHWHILE REPORT TO
2 REVIEW. I THINK WE NEED TO STUDY IT. I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK
3 AT EVERY SINGLE OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE TO US, TO PUT THE KIND
4 OF REFORM IN PLACE THAT IS REALLY GOING TO TAKE HOLD AND FIND
5 A WAY. I DON'T WANT TO BLAME ANYONE. BUT I DO KNOW THAT I WANT
6 TO SAVE EVERY SINGLE CHILD. AND I THINK MY COLLEAGUES WANT TO
7 SAVE EVERY SINGLE CHILD, AND THE CHALLENGES OUT THERE ARE
8 MANY. DEALING WITH PARENTS WHO ARE ILL- PREPARED IN MANY
9 INSTANCES TO TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A CHILD, A FOSTER
10 CARE SYSTEM THAT ISN'T ADEQUATE ENOUGH. I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO
11 SAY THAT THE RESOURCES AREN'T THERE BECAUSE THE RESOURCES ARE
12 THERE. UNFORTUNATELY, WE AREN'T STRATEGICALLY SPENDING THEM OR
13 UTILIZING THEM EFFECTIVELY. THERE IS SO MUCH THAT WE NEED TO
14 DO. BUT I THINK TO BE THOUGHTFUL AT THIS POINT IN TIME, TO
15 READ YOUR ENTIRE REPORT IS REALLY OUR RESPONSIBILITY HERE
16 TODAY. TO THINK ABOUT IT. TO DIALOGUE WITH MANY OF YOU THAT
17 MADE CONTRIBUTIONS. TO CONTINUE TO FIND THOSE WAYS THAT WE
18 COULD IMPLEMENT IT. HOW WE COULD FUND IT. TO MAKE SURE THAT
19 THIS TIME, THIS TIME WE'RE REALLY GOING TO REFORM THE PROCESS.
20 IT CERTAINLY NEEDS REFORMING. NOW, THIS BOARD IS CAPABLE OF
21 IT. WE HAD A SIMILAR COMMISSION WHEN IT DEALT WITH THE
22 PROBLEMS AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT TOOK US A WHILE. THE
23 COMMISSION, TOO, WAS VERY THOUGHTFUL. BUT THEY PUT IN PLACE A
24 SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THIS BOARD HAS EMBRACED, FOUND
25 A MECHANISM TO PUT IT INTO A STRATEGIC PLAN AND A TIMEFRAME SO

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1 THAT WE COULD FUND IT. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE'VE ALSO HAD
2 THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP TODAY THAT HAS BEEN WILLING TO EMBRACE
3 THOSE REFORMS AND START MAKING THOSE CHANGES. SO WE HAVE A
4 LONG WAY TO GO. BUT I AM REALLY VERY, VERY PROUD OF YOUR
5 CONTRIBUTION. I LOOK FORWARD TO READING THIS REPORT
6 THOROUGHLY, TO FOLLOWING UP AND ASKING QUESTIONS ON THE TIME
7 THAT WE ARE GOING TO SET ASIDE, SPECIFIC TIME, NOT A MISSED
8 EVERYTHING ELSE, BUT HOPEFULLY SET ASIDE A COUPLE OF HOURS TO
9 ASK YOU QUESTIONS, TO FIND OUT HOW WE COULD THINK THIS OUT, TO
10 LOOK AT HOW WE COULD IMPLEMENT THIS. THERE ARE MANY OTHER
11 PLAYERS ALSO INVOLVED AS TO HOW WE DO IT. I WISH WE COULD JUST
12 TAKE IT AND SAY: WE'RE GOING TO DO IT. THAT WOULD BE FOOLISH
13 ON MY PART. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO THINK OUT FROM EVERY SINGLE
14 PROVIDER AND USER AND ALL THE SYSTEMS THAT PLAY INTO IT. BUT I
15 THINK AT THE END OF THE DAY, I THINK WHAT WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR
16 IS THE KIND OF EFFORT AND TIME AND DEDICATION THAT EACH OF YOU
17 PLACED INTO IT. I KNOW THAT YOU FEEL AS STRONGLY AS WE DO
18 HERE. THERE NEEDS TO BE REFORM. IT MUST CHANGE. IT HAS TO BE
19 CENTERED AROUND THE CHILD. WE'VE GOT TO MAKE IT WORK. AND I
20 THINK WE CAN. BUT I THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND I KNOW LOOK FORWARD
21 TO YOUR CONTINUED INPUT. WE NEED TO FORM THIS DEPARTMENT AND
22 MAKE IT WORK FOR EVERY SINGLE CHILD. THANK YOU SO VERY OF.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANYONE ELSE? MIKE?

25 [APPLAUSE.]

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT AND
3 THE TIME YOU'VE GIVEN ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT STUDY WHICH WE
4 ALL FIVE HAVE PLACED A VERY HIGH PRIORITY ON. A COUPLE OF THE
5 AREAS THAT I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED,
6 DEPENDENCY COURT. MANY TIMES THE DEPARTMENT WILL GIVE A
7 RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CHILD BE REMOVED FROM THE HOME ONLY TO
8 HAVE THE CHILD BE SENT TO THE HOME BY THE JUDGE, WHO ENDS UP A
9 FATALITY OR ABUSED FURTHER. THAT'S A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE. I
10 KNOW THE COURTS ARE A SEPARATE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT. BUT,
11 AGAIN, ASSURING THAT THE DECISIONS THE JUDGES ARE MAKING ARE
12 IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD. SECONDLY, THE
13 REPRESENTATION THAT THE CHILD WILL HAVE IN A COURTROOM, TO
14 ENSURE THAT THAT REPRESENTATION IS OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY AND
15 THAT THE ATTORNEY IS INVOLVED IN THAT CASE WITH THE
16 UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD AND NOT RECEIVING THE
17 DOCUMENT AND GOING INTO COURT UNPREPARED AND NOT REALLY
18 STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHILD. JUST MORE OF A JOB. AND
19 FORGETTING WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF A BAD DECISION WOULD BE IF
20 THAT CHILD IS PLACED IN THE WRONG HANDS, AS HAS HAPPENED IN
21 THE PAST. SECONDLY, THE REQUEST WAS FOR A REVIEW OF THE M.O.U.
22 RELATIVE TO TRANSFERS AND CHANGING PERSONNEL IN THE DEPARTMENT
23 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. HAVE THOSE M.O.U.S, HOW THEY
24 HAVE HANDICAPPED MANAGEMENT TO MOVE AN EMPLOYEE OR DISCIPLINE
25 AN EMPLOYEE BECAUSE OF THEIR FAILURE TO DO THE JOB THAT THEY

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1 ARE ENTRUSTED TO DO. SO THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE AND WHY
2 WE HAD REQUESTED THAT THE M.O.U.S BE STUDIED FOR
3 RECOMMENDATIONS AND HOW WE CAN CHANGE THAT. EXPANDING THE
4 D.A.'S CHILD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND VERY
5 POSITIVE. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE I.C.A.N. THAT'S INVOLVED. WE
6 HAVE THE CHILD SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT, C.S.I.U., AND THE
7 C.E.O. HAS 53 BUDGETED POSITIONS FOR THE SERVICE INTEGRATION
8 BRANCH. SO, AGAIN, YOU HAVE A NUMBER OF AGENCIES THAT ARE
9 INVOLVED. CREATING A FOURTH AGENCY I DON'T KNOW IS IN THE BEST
10 INTEREST. THAT'S GETTING THE BETTER OUTCOME FROM THE AGENCIES
11 THAT WE HAVE, THAT THEY ARE DOING THE JOB AND MAKING THE
12 NECESSARY POLICIES THAT WILL PROTECT THAT CHILD. THANK YOU,
13 MR. CHAIRMAN.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ZEV, DO YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK EVERYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE SAID HAS
18 BEEN SAID. I WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSION. I WANT TO THANK MY
19 TWO COMMISSIONERS IN PARTICULAR FOR TAKING THE TIME. LIKE THE
20 OTHER COMMISSIONERS HAVE BUSY SCHEDULES AND NEEDED THIS LIKE A
21 HOLE IN THE HEAD. BUT THEY ANSWERED THE CALL, WHICH IS THE
22 LAST CALL THEY'VE ANSWERED FROM ME. BUT I APPRECIATED LESLIE
23 GILBERT-LURIE THE VICE CHAIR AND JUDGE JERRY FRIEDMAN WHO IS
24 THE FORMER PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT FOR A NUMBER
25 OF YEARS. I RECEIVED THE REPORT BY EMAIL LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON

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1 AFTER THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, AND THEREFORE I WAS NOT ABLE TO
2 RETRIEVE IT UNTIL MONDAY MORNING AFTER THE OPENING OF
3 BUSINESS. AND HERE WE ARE THE NEXT DAY TALKING ABOUT IT. SO I
4 LOOK FORWARD TO THE THREE WEEKS THAT I AND MY STAFF WILL HAVE
5 TO GO THROUGH THIS. WE HAVE FOLLOWED IT WITH SOME DEGREE OF
6 INTEREST. THERE ARE SOME REALLY GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS WITH
7 WHICH I'M FAMILIAR. THERE ARE SOME TURKEYS, IN MY OPINION.
8 IT'S MY OPINION. AND WE NEED-- EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US NEED
9 TO GO THROUGH IT, UNDERSTAND WHAT THE RATIONALE WAS BEHIND THE
10 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND HOW IT ALL WORKS
11 TOGETHER. MY STAFF DID, IN THE LAST 24 HOURS, DO A SIDE BY
12 SIDE COMPARISON. AND OF THE 40 OR MORE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT
13 WERE MADE BY YOU ALL, ALL BUT ONE OF THEM IN ONE ITERATION OR
14 ANOTHER HAS BEEN MADE BEFORE AT LEAST ONE TIME. NOT
15 NECESSARILY ALL IN THE SAME DOCUMENT. BUT IT'S JUST TO
16 PUNCTUATE THE POINT THAT AS THE BIBLE SAYS, THERE'S NOTHING
17 NEW UNDER THE SUN. THERE'S ONE NEW THING UNDER THE SUN IN THIS
18 PARTICULAR CASE. SO IT'S REALLY NOT THE OPTICS, IN MY OPINION,
19 THAT MATTER. STRUCTURE DOES MATTER. OPTICS IS OPTICS. REPORTS
20 ARE REPORTS. HOW THEY'RE EXECUTED, AS YOU WELL KNOW, DR.
21 SANDERS. YOU'VE BEEN IN THE HOT SEAT FOR THREE YEARS HERE. WE
22 BEGGED YOU TO STAY. YOU LEFT FOR SEATTLE. I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND
23 THAT. WE BEGGED YOU TO COME BACK AND YOU STAYED IN SEATTLE.
24 AND I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT MAYBE AFTER THE WINTER YOU HAD IN
25 SEATTLE THIS YEAR, MAYBE YOU ARE RECONSIDERING THE WISDOM OF

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1 YOUR DECISIONS. SO YOU KNOW, MY POINT IS YOU KNOW VERY WELL
2 WHAT THIS JOB ENTAILS, WHAT THE LIMITATIONS AND THE
3 OPPORTUNITIES ARE. AND THERE ARE BOTH LIMITATIONS AND
4 OPPORTUNITIES. SO, THAT'S WHY I THINK THE MOTION THAT
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I HAVE PUT FORWARD IS NOT JUST TO GIVE US
6 SOME TIME TO INTERNALIZE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO HAVE AN
7 OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THEM WITH YOU PRIVATELY AND THEN
8 COLLECTIVELY AGAIN HOPEFULLY IN THE SAME FASHION AS WE ARE
9 SITTING HERE TODAY, BUT ALSO TO HAVE THE PEOPLE WHO, WHETHER
10 WE LIKE THEM OR NOT, ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN WHAT CAN AND CAN'T
11 BE DONE. AND WHEN THINGS CAN'T BE DONE, WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE
12 IT POSSIBLE TO DO THEM. THERE ARE STATE LAWS. THERE ARE
13 FEDERAL REGULATIONS. THERE ARE OUR OWN LABOR AGREEMENTS AND
14 MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WITH OUR LABOR UNIONS, ALL OF WHICH
15 PLAY A ROLE IN WHAT WE CAN AND CAN'T DO. AND IN ORDER TO BE
16 DECISIVE AND TIMELY IN WHAT WE DO, WE NEED TO HAVE A SET OF
17 RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT LIBERATE US TO BE DECISIVE. BECAUSE
18 JUST SAYING YOU'RE BEING DECISIVE DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE BEING
19 DECISIVE WHEN YOU CAN'T MOVE RESOURCES FROM ONE CHILD WELFARE
20 OFFICE TO ANOTHER, WHICH IS UNDERSERVED. WHEN ONE COMMUNITY OF
21 THE COUNTY IS SUFFERING FROM A LACK OF RESOURCES WHILE ANOTHER
22 HAS LONG LUNCH HOURS, THIS IS THE KIND OF THING THAT HAS
23 PARALYZED US IN SO MANY WAYS. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT IN
24 THIS REPORT MAKES SENSE AND CAN BE DONE QUICKLY, WHAT IN THIS
25 REPORT WILL TAKE TIME AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE IT

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1 POSSIBLE FOR THE LONGER TERM DECISIONS WE MADE. AND WHAT
2 DECISIONS, FRANKLY, SHOULD JUST BE PUT ON THE SHELF. AND I'LL
3 TELL YOU, A 20-MEMBER COMMISSION TO OVERSEE THIS EFFORT IS A
4 NONSTARTER WITH ME. WHAT THIS ISSUE NEEDS IS NOT MORE
5 BUREAUCRACY AND MORE COMMISSIONS, IT NEEDS RESULTS. WE HAVE A
6 TEMPLATE FOR THAT IN THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION. WE DIDN'T
7 APPOINT A COMMISSION. WE THOUGHT ABOUT IT, SOME OF US THOUGHT
8 ABOUT IT, BUT WE DIDN'T APPOINT A COMMISSION TO OVERSEE THE
9 RESULTS. WE BROUGHT IN ONE PERSON WHO HAS BEEN THE MONITOR, IF
10 YOU WILL, THE ENGINE, TO TRY TO SEE TO IT THAT THE
11 RECOMMENDATIONS GOT DONE. YOU WANT TO HAVE A 20-MEMBER
12 COMMISSION. YOU DON'T HAVE MY VOTE FOR THAT NOW, TOMORROW OR
13 EVER. IT IS ABSOLUTELY PREPOSTEROUS. AND I UNDERSTAND-- I
14 DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE RATIONALE IS, I LOOK FORWARD TO
15 HEARING WHAT THE RATIONALE WAS FOR IT BUT IT'S A PRESCRIPTION
16 FOR STASIS. SO I, AGAIN, I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT ALL
17 OF YOU DID. I WORK HERE SOMETIMES LATE ON A FRIDAY. AND
18 USUALLY I'M THE LAST ONE OUT. I WAS FEELING PRETTY GOOD ABOUT
19 MYSELF WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU ALL WERE STILL MEETING UNTIL
20 8:00, 8:30 AT NIGHT ON A FRIDAY. THAT IS BEYOND THE CALL OF
21 DUTY. AND WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE DR.
22 SANDERS IN PARTICULAR FOR YOU COMING BACK HERE TO LEAD THIS
23 EFFORT AND USE YOUR SKILL AND YOUR EXPERIENCE TO TRY TO
24 FASHION A REPORT THAT WOULD NOT JUST SIT ON THE SHELF. THIS
25 REPORT WILL NOT SIT ON THE SHELF. IT MAY BE MODIFIED. THERE

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1 MAY BE SOME THINGS WE ACCEPT AND NOT ACCEPT. BUT I'M SURE YOU
2 EXPECT THAT. AND EVERYONE SHOULD BECAUSE THERE IS NO MONOPOLY
3 OF WISDOM IN ANY ONE GROUP OF FIVE OR TEN OR 15 PEOPLE, BUT
4 THAT'S THE DEMOCRATIC WAY. BUT I APPRECIATE IT AND I THINK ALL
5 OF US DO THE WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES PUT TOGETHER TO
6 GET US TO THIS POINT. SO WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, MR.
7 CHAIRMAN. AND BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 20TH, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK
8 TO DO. AND THEN WE'LL SEE HOW WE PROCEED OUT OF THE STARTERS
9 GATE TO TRY TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CAN
10 GET US SOME RESULTS. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY
13 TWO APPOINTEES, JANET AND GABRIELLA. I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING
14 MY PHONE CALL. IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY TIME I CALL YOU, I'M ASKING
15 YOU TO ASSIST OR DO SOMETHING ON BEHALF OF KIDS. AND I REALLY
16 APPRECIATE THE EFFORT AND YOUR ARTICULATION OF MY CONCERNS TO
17 THE COMMISSION IN THE WAY YOU REPRESENT YOURSELF AND THE
18 ENTIRE COMMISSION. SO WE THANK ALL OF YOU. SO THANK YOU ALL
19 FOR YOUR TIME. WE DO HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE SIGNED
20 UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL BRING THEM UP. AND WE WILL
21 AGAIN THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE WE PROCEED AND THEY
24 LEAVE, I DO WANT TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING PERSPECTIVE, IF I MAY.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DOES IT INCLUDE THEM?

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT EACH OF
4 US ARE PROUD OF OUR RESPECTIVE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, AND
5 I'M PROUD OF THE COMMISSION IN ITS TOTALITY. BUT IT IS NOT TO
6 BE OVERLOOKED OR UNDERSTATED THAT DR. DAVID SANDERS HAS
7 PROVIDED TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP FOR THIS COMMISSION AND THAT I
8 AM PLEASED THAT HE ACCEPTED MY INVITATION TO SERVE AS THE
9 COMMISSION AND TOOK THE ASSIGNMENT FROM HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE
10 COMMISSION TO CHAIR. DR. MARILYN FLYNN, THE DEAN OF SOCIAL
11 WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN
12 ENGAGED, STAND-UP AND HAS MORE TO OFFER PROSPECTIVELY. SO I
13 WANT TO SAY, DR. FLYNN AND DR. SANDERS, THANK YOU FOR
14 REPRESENTING THE COUNTY, YOUR RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONAL
15 STANDING, AND THE PEOPLE OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AS WELL AS YOU
16 HAVE. MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I READ IN REMARKS THAT ARE RESONANT
17 WITH MY EARLIER COMMENTS. I TAKE THE VIEW THAT THE MOTION
18 BEFORE US IS APPROPRIATE. IT FOLLOWS THE POINT OF VIEW THAT
19 WAS ARTICULATED WHEN THE INTERIM REPORT CAME IN DECEMBER. IT
20 WENT FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS AND VETTING. THAT IS APPROPRIATE. TO
21 HAVE ANY POINT OF UNREADINESS, MR. CHAIRMAN, IT RELATES NOT TO
22 THE VETTING, BUT WHO'S INVOLVED IN THE VETTING. IT WOULD SEEM
23 TO ME THAT THERE'S WISDOM IN IT BEING INTERDEPARTMENTAL. IF
24 THERE IS ANYTHING THAT HAS COME FORWARD, IT IS ESSENTIALLY
25 THAT D.C.F.S. IS NOT ALONE AND IT SHOULDN'T BE HELD TO A

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1 POSITION WHERE IT IS CAUSED TO BE THOUGHT THE ONLY ENTITY
2 THAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION IN THE
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. CLEARLY, SURELY THE SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT HAS A ROLE IN THIS. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
5 HAS A ROLE IN THIS. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. ET CETERA. ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN
7 CALLED OUT IN VARIOUS WAYS. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THEIR INSIGHTS
8 WOULD HELP THE PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD BY WAY OF
9 THE MOTION AND ITS WISDOM FOR REVIEW AND FEEDBACK ON MAY THE
10 22ND-- MAY THE 20TH. AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD OFFER THAT AS
11 A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. THE SECOND POINT THAT I WANT TO MAKE IS
12 BY WAY OF MY OWN READ-IN. I THINK IT IS WHOLLY APPROPRIATE TO
13 COME BACK ON MAY THE 20TH WITH ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO THE
14 ESTABLISHMENT OF A MULTI-DEPARTMENTAL TEAM TO CONDUCT THE WORK
15 THAT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. I
16 THINK THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATION ON PUBLIC HEALTH
17 NURSES THAT WOULD ACCOMPANY SOCIAL WORKERS JUST MAKES SENSE,
18 AND WE SHOULD GET MOVING ON THAT SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. AND
19 I THIRDLY THINK THAT THE ISSUE OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE ONE WHO
20 ARE TEMPORARILY DETAINED TO BE EVALUATED AT THE MEDICAL HUB
21 MAKES SENSE HERE. THREE THINGS THAT I THINK WE CAN DO AND WE
22 OUGHT TO DO THEM IMMEDIATELY AND GET ON WITH IT AND COME BACK
23 WITH SOME ATTENTION PAID TO THOSE THINGS ON MAY THE 20TH. AND
24 I WOULD JUST PLACE THAT BEFORE YOU AS A READ-IN MOTION FOR
25 CONSIDERATION AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I WOULD THINK THAT WOULD COME BACK
3 WITH THE ENTIRE THING, BECAUSE AGAIN WE HAVE 800 PLUS
4 RECOMMENDATIONS. WE HAVE 40 OR 41 DUPLICATE HERE. WE DON'T
5 WANT TO DO THIS SUPER SHOT, GUNSHOT THING. WE WANT TO DO IT IN
6 THE SENSE OF A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION. SO I THINK THAT WOULD
7 BE OKAY.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND AGAIN THANK ALL OF YOU. I WOULD ASK
12 JACQUELYN MCCROSKEY, TRISH CURRY, BOBBY SHRIVER AND HELEN
13 KLEINBERG TO BE THE FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS, PLEASE? WE'LL GIVE
14 YOU TWO MINUTES. IF YOU DON'T USE IT, THAT'S OKAY, TOO. WE
15 HAVE A LOT OF SPEAKERS SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM. OKAY. YOU GET
16 TWO MINUTES EACH, PLEASE. THANK YOU. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO GO
17 FIRST PROCEED.

18

19 **JACQUELYN MCCROSKEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M JACQUELYN. MCCROSKEY
20 , PROFESSOR AT U.S.C. AT THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK. I THINK
21 THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT REPORT AS YOU ALL HAVE SAID AND
22 ACKNOWLEDGED. I THINK IT REPRESENTS A POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT
23 TURNING POINT IN HOW THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT DEALS WITH CHILDREN
24 AND FAMILIES. AND I WANT TO COMMENT IN PARTICULAR ON TWO
25 ASPECTS OF IT, WHICH I DO THINK REPRESENT NEW DIRECTIONS FOR

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1 THE COUNTY. THE FIRST IS THE SHARED OUTCOMES MEASURES. IN ALL
2 THE YEARS THAT WE HAD A CHILDREN'S SCORE CARD PREPARED BY THE
3 CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL, THERE WAS NEVER AGREEMENT ACROSS
4 DEPARTMENTS ON THE SHARED OUTCOME MEASURES. AND SO IT WAS VERY
5 DIFFICULT TO REALLY MARK PROGRESS IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY. WE
6 ALSO HAD A CHILDREN'S BUDGET, AS YOU KNOW, THAT THE C.E.O.'S
7 OFFICE PRODUCED FOR MANY YEARS, AND THERE WAS NEVER LESS THAN
8 20 PERCENT OF RESOURCES THAT WENT TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES. THE
9 COUNTY DOES HAVE SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES, BUT THE COORDINATION
10 ACROSS DEPARTMENTS HAS BEEN VERY CHALLENGING. WE, MY
11 COLLEAGUE, EMILY PUTNAM HORNSTEIN AND I HAVE A NEW REPORT
12 FORTHCOMING FROM THE CHILDREN'S DATA NETWORK THAT LOOKS AT THE
13 CUMULATIVE RISK OF VERY YOUNG CHILDREN BEING REPORTED TO THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND IT'S EVEN MORE
15 SIGNIFICANT THAN I THINK MANY OF YOU WOULD THINK. AND THAT'S
16 SOMETHING THAT THIS REPORT GETS AT, THE GREAT DANGER THAT
17 YOUNG CHILDREN FACE IF THERE ISN'T PREVENTION WORK FOR THEM
18 AND THEIR FAMILIES. SO THE PREVENTION IS THE SECOND PIECE THAT
19 SEEMS TO ME EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT IN THIS REPORT. HOW TO
20 ASSURE THAT CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES THAT ARE REPORTED TO
21 THE DEPARTMENT OR WHO DON'T EVEN REACH THAT STAGE HAVE AN
22 ABILITY TO NOT ONLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COUNTY RESOURCES BUT
23 PRIVATE RESOURCES WHERE WE KNOW THAT MANY OF THE RESOURCES
24 FUNDED BY PRIVATE AGENCIES, PHILANTHROPY, ET CETERA, MAKE THE

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1 MOST DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF PREVENTING MALTREATMENT. THANK YOU
2 VERY MUCH, ALL OF YOU, FOR YOUR PASSION ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOURS OVER THE YEARS, AS
5 WELL. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING YOU, JACQUELYN.

6

7 **HELEN KLEINBERG:** MY NAME IS HELEN KLEINBERG, AND I HAVE A
8 UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE BECAUSE 30 YEARS AGO I SAT BEFORE YOU AND
9 TALKED ABOUT CREATING A DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

12

13 **HELEN KLEINBERG:** SO I WANT TO SAY THAT OVER THE 30 YEARS,
14 WE'VE MADE A LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS SYSTEM. AND WE'RE
15 STILL WORKING HARD TO IMPROVE THAT. BUT I THINK TODAY'S REPORT
16 FOCUSES ON SOMETHING THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, AND THAT IS
17 FAMILIES. THIS IS REALLY CRITICAL. AND OUR PROBLEM, I THINK
18 NOW, IS THAT WE HAVE A OF BETTER UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS
19 "A" POPULATION IN THE COUNTY THAT REALLY NEEDS OUR HELP, AND
20 THAT IT NEEDS INTEGRATED SERVICES. AND OUR BEST OPPORTUNITY
21 FOR CHILDREN IS REALLY TO KEEP THEM OUT OF THIS SYSTEM. AND SO
22 I THINK WHAT WE WANT THIS REPORT TO DO IS TO REALLY LOOK AT
23 THE SERVICES THAT EXIST IN ALL OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS THAT
24 CAN HELP THIS CRITICAL MASS OF FAMILIES. AND WE DO HAVE WAYS
25 OF BEGINNING TO LOOK AT IDENTIFYING THOSE AT-RISK FAMILIES. WE

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1 HAVE A LOT MORE KNOWLEDGE THAN WE EVER HAD BEFORE. SO I THINK
2 WHAT WE WANT IS TO LOOK AT WHERE ARE THOSE SERVICES? HOW CAN
3 WE PINPOINT THAT FAMILY, THAT ANY ONE OF THEE DEPARTMENTS
4 MIGHT SEE WHO MIGHT EVENTUALLY BECOME A FAMILY WHERE A CHILD
5 IS REALLY NOT GOING TO BE SAFE. AND I THINK WE CAN DO THIS.
6 AND I DON'T THINK IT TAKES MORE MONEY. I THINK THE MONEY IS
7 THERE. I THINK THERE'S COMMITMENT IN THESE DEPARTMENTS. BUT I
8 DON'T THINK WE'VE DESIGNED A SYSTEM WHERE THEY CAN INTEGRATE
9 THEIR SERVICES AND WORK TOGETHER. AND THAT'S WHAT WE REALLY
10 NEED. SO OUR GOAL OUGHT TO BE HERE TO FIND AN INTEGRATED WAY
11 TO CREATE A STRATEGIC PLAN AROUND THAT POPULATION THAT WE KNOW
12 IS THE PROBLEM. THEY COST THIS COUNTY A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY
13 YEARLY IN THE FACT THAT THEY ARE DYSFUNCTIONAL AND THEY NEED
14 MULTIPLE COUNTY SERVICES IF WE DON'T GET IN THERE. SO WE THINK
15 A PREVENTION PROGRAM, A PROGRAM THAT WORKS WITH THESE
16 FAMILIES, THAT LOOKS AT INTEGRATING. THEY HAVE MULTIPLE NEEDS.
17 MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN ABUSED THEMSELVES. WE NEED TO LOOK AT
18 HOW TO GIVE THEM THE SERVICES SO THEY DON'T COME INTO THE
19 DEPARTMENT. I THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL THE EFFORTS THAT YOU'VE
20 MADE OVER ALL THESE YEARS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, HELEN, FOR ALL
23 YOUR SERVICE. NEXT.

24

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1 **TRISH CURRY:** TRISH CURRY, I'M THE COMMISSIONER ON THE
2 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. I WANT TO THANK THE BLUE
3 RIBBON COMMISSION FOR THEIR DILIGENT WORK AND THIS AWESOME
4 REPORT IN REALLY HIGHLIGHTING THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN IN
5 THIS COUNTY. TWO OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS I WANTED TO SPEAK TO
6 IN PARTICULAR, THROUGHOUT THE REPORT IT LISTS VARIOUS
7 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE STRUCTURE OF THE COUNTY AND THE
8 INTEGRATION OF SERVICES THROUGH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. IN 2008,
9 OUR COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, ALSO
10 ISSUED A REPORT TITLED COMMISSION REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
11 REGARDING THE COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND CHILD
12 SAFETY. I HOPE THAT THIS NEW REPORT BY THE BLUE RIBBON
13 COMMISSION GAINS REALLY THE FULL FOCUS OF THE BOARD ON THE
14 IMPORTANCE OF THE STRUCTURE AND THE INTEGRATION OF
15 DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES. THE SECOND ITEM IS THE PREVENTION THAT
16 HELEN MENTIONED. IN 2013, OUR COMMISSION ISSUED A REPORT TO
17 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAKING PREVENTION A PRIORITY FOR AT-
18 RISK CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN L.A. COUNTY. IN PARTICULAR, WE
19 ASKED THERE BE A FOCUS ON THOSE CHILDREN 0 TO 5. THE STATE
20 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES HAS ISSUED A REPORT THAT
21 CHILDREN ENTERING FOSTER CARE ARE 38 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL
22 STATEWIDE--
23
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CAN YOU GET IN THAT MICROPHONE A LITTLE
25 BIT, PLEASE?

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2 **TRISH CURRY:** SORRY. 38 PERCENT OF THE CHILDREN STATEWIDE IN
3 FOSTER CARE ARE UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE. THERE ARE 19,349
4 CHILDREN, ACCORDING TO THE STATE, BETWEEN THE AGES OF 0 TO 5
5 STATEWIDE IN FOSTER CARE. THIS IS A VULNERABLE POPULATION. IT
6 NEEDS OUR HELP. IT IS THE FASTEST GROWING AND MOST VULNERABLE
7 POPULATION. AND I APPLAUD THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR
8 MENTIONING THAT AND INSISTING THAT PREVENTION BE A PART OF THE
9 IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, TRISH.

12

13 **TRISH CURRY:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAERAL HYMEN, BETHAMY SIMS. LARA
16 HOLTZMAN. AND LAURA STREIMER? IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD,
17 PLEASE. IS CHAERAL HERE? IS SHE ON LANCASTER? DO YOU HAVE
18 ANYBODY SIGNED UP, UP THERE? ALL RIGHT. WELL I GOT FOUR. SO I
19 CALLED FOUR. SO I'M 100 PERCENT.

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21 **CHAERAL HYMEN:** I AM HERE TO SUPPORT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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1 **CHAERAL HYMEN:** CHERYL HYMEN. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT AND GRATITUDE
2 TO THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR THEIR WONDERFUL, EXCEPTIONAL
3 WORK AND REPORT. WHEN THEY VISITED OUR GROUPS, WE FOUND THEM
4 TO BE VERY COMPASSIONATE AND RESPECTFUL TO OUR KINSHIP
5 CAREGIVERS. AS I SAID, I'M CHAERAL HYMEN, THE FOUNDER/DIRECTOR
6 OF R.O.C.K., RAISING OUR CHILDREN'S KIDS. I'M ALSO AN ADOPTIVE
7 GRANDMOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN THROUGH THE D.C.F.S. SYSTEM. IT'S
8 BEEN 18 YEARS NOW. WE HAD A KIND OF ROUGH START, BUT THANK YOU
9 TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE WITH HIS INTERVENTION AND A
10 VERY WONDERFUL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, OUR INITIAL
11 DIFFICULTIES WERE WORKED OUT AND THE CHILDREN WERE PLACED WITH
12 US. OVER THE YEARS, I'VE HAD THE LAST 18 YEARS I'VE HAD THE
13 PRIVILEGE OF ADDRESSING D.C.F.S. BECAUSE THE CHILDREN
14 COMMISSION TO PRESENT IDEAS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHILD
15 PROTECTIVE SYSTEM. TODAY, ON BEHALF OF THE CAREGIVERS WHO HAVE
16 GIVEN ME MANY SUGGESTIONS, I HAVE WRITTEN UP AND WOULD LIKE TO
17 SAVE TIME I WOULD JUST LIKE TO PRESENT THE INFORMATION TO YOU
18 IN WRITING CONCERNING PLACEMENT WITH KIN, RE-PLACEMENT,
19 PERMANENCY AND AN UPDATE ON THE KINSHIP CENTER, THE PRIVATE
20 KINSHIP CENTER IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. SO I WILL END WITH THAT AND
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DILIGENT WORK.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JUST WANT TO HAND IT TO THE SHERIFF
24 HERE. WE CAN SUBMIT IT FOR PUBLIC RECORD AND FOR OUR
25 EDIFICATION. NEXT? WHOEVER WANTS TO GO AHEAD.

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1

2 **LAURA STREIMER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LAURA STREIMER. I
3 AM THE LEGAL DIRECTOR FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS.
4 WE WANT TO FIRST THANK THE COMMISSION FOR ITS EXTENSIVE AND
5 IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. IN PARTICULAR WE
6 APPLAUD THE COMMISSION FOR ITS RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT
7 ENSURING THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN CARE REQUIRES US TO LOOK AT
8 AND BEYOND HOW WE RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES AND HOW WE ASSESS
9 RISK. WE ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT HOW WE SUPPORT CHILDREN ONCE
10 THEY ARE IN THE SYSTEM BECAUSE WITHOUT PROPER FINANCIAL HEALTH
11 AND EDUCATION SUPPORT AND SERVICES, PLACEMENTS FAIL AND
12 CHILDREN ARE FURTHER TRAUMATIZED. WE CONSIDER AMONGST THESE
13 RECOMMENDATIONS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE THE RECOMMENDATION TO
14 USE TITLE 4 E WAIVER DOLLARS TO BETTER SUPPORT CHILDREN WHO
15 ARE PLACED IN THEIR RELATIVES WITH FOSTER CARE. YOU HEARD FROM
16 COMMISSIONER GILBERT-LURIE THAT WHILE RELATIVES ARE THE
17 LEGALLY PREFERRED PLACEMENT BECAUSE CHILDREN FARE BETTER WITH
18 THEM, WE UNDER SUPPORT THEM AS COMPARED TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER
19 FAMILY SETTINGS. L.A. COUNTY CAN AND SHOULD FIX THAT NOW.
20 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

23

24 **LARA HOLTZMAN:** HELLO. MY NAME'S LARA HOLTZMAN. I'M MANAGING
25 ATTORNEY AT THE ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS. WE ALSO WANT

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1 TO THANK THE COMMISSION TODAY FOR THEIR REPORT AND ECHO THE
2 RECOMMENDATIONS AROUND GREATER OVERSIGHT, TRANSPARENCY AND
3 INCLUSION OF THE COMMUNITY. WITHOUT THOSE, NO RECOMMENDATIONS
4 CAN BE FULLY, PROPERLY REALIZED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR
5 MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY. AS YOU HEARD IN THE
6 REPORT AND FROM SOME OF YOURSELVES TODAY, L.A. COUNTY IS NOT
7 KNOWN FOR INCLUDING KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE DECISION-MAKING
8 PROCESS OR PROVIDING AN OPEN PROCESS TO INCLUDE THOSE FOLKS IN
9 DECISION MAKING. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY'RE OFTEN LEFT OUT OF THE
10 PROCESS AND NOT UNTIL AFTERWARDS IS A FORM GIVEN FOR PEOPLE TO
11 COME TO THE BOARD AND GIVE THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. IT'S
12 REALLY CRITICAL THAT VOICES FROM FOLKS, FROM NONPROFITS LIKE
13 OURSELVES, FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS, OTHER COMMUNITY AGENCIES BE
14 INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS. SO THE GOOD IMPORTANT DECISIONS CAN
15 BE MADE BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OCCURS. AND THEN AS MENTIONED IN
16 THE REPORT, IT'S CRITICAL THAT YOU CREATE A PROCESS TO ENSURE
17 THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OCCURS AND THAT ACCOUNTABILITY IS MADE
18 A KEY PART OF THAT PROCESS. SO THAT YOU HAVE A WAY TO ENSURE
19 OVERSIGHT AND MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS A REPORT BACK AND THAT
20 AGENCIES, ALL OF THOSE KEY PLAYERS MUST BE A PART OF THAT
21 PROCESS. WITHOUT THAT, OUR CHILDREN WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER.
22 THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BETHAMY?

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1 **BETHAMY SIMS:** HI, MY NAME IS BETHAMY SIMS. I'M A GRANDMOTHER
2 AND I'M ALSO A PART R.O.C.K., RAISING OUR CHILDREN'S FAMILIES.
3 AND I WANT TO TALK ABOUT MY EXPERIENCE AS BEING A GRANDMOTHER
4 AND WITH D.C.F.S. A FEW YEARS AGO I HAD CUSTODY OF MY
5 GRANDCHILDREN AND D.C.F.S. ILLEGALLY FALSIFIED INFORMATION AND
6 TOOK MY GRANDCHILDREN AS WELL AS MY SON. I'M ALSO A D.C.F.S.
7 EMPLOYEE. AND THE WAY I WAS TREATED WAS JUST-- IT JUST WASN'T
8 RIGHT. MY GRANDCHILDREN WERE TAKEN AND, LIKE I SAID, ILLEGALLY
9 ADOPTED AND MY SON WAS TAKEN FROM ME AND HE WAS KEPT FOR SEVEN
10 MONTHS. AND WHILE UNDER D.C.F.S. CARE, I WASN'T ALLOWED TO
11 GIVE HIM MEDICAL TREATMENT. HE WAS A SPECIAL NEEDS. AND MY SON
12 HAD TO BE HOSPITALIZED UNDER D.C.F.S. CARE FOR HAVING A HEAT
13 STROKE. HE NEEDED ORTHOPEDIC CARE AND ALSO HE'S AN ASTHMATIC.
14 AND I FOUGHT REALLY HARD TO GET MY GRANDCHILDREN BACK AND I
15 FOUGHT REALLY HARD TO GET MY SON BACK. I WAS ONLY GIVEN
16 MONITORED VISITS, WHICH WENT REALLY WELL, ONLY FOR THEM TO BE
17 ADOPTED BY NON-FAMILY MEMBERS. AND ALSO WITH MY SON, I TOOK MY
18 CLASSES AND COUNSELING AND DID EVERYTHING I WAS SUPPOSED TO DO
19 IN A RECORD TIME OF THREE MONTHS ONLY FOR THEM TO KEEP MY SON
20 FOR SEVEN MONTHS. AND THERE'S NO ACCOUNTABILITY WHATSOEVER.
21 AND LIKE I SAID, I'M A D.C.F.S. EMPLOYEE, AND FOR THIS TO
22 HAPPEN TO ME, I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OTHER
23 FAMILIES, AS WELL. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN AND
24 LET ME SPEAK TODAY.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I ASK JOSEPH DEVAL, MARTHA
2 MATTHEWS, DR. MATT HARRIS TO JOIN ME. AND PATRICK O'ROURKE.
3 WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED.

4

5 **JOSEPH DEVAL:** HI, MY NAME IS JOSEPH DEVAL. I WORK WITH
6 COMMUNITY COALITION IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU, HONORABLE
7 BOARD MEMBERS. WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE COMMISSION AND THEIR
8 STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK. IN LISTENING TO THE TESTIMONY OF
9 HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS, FOSTER PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS IN
10 PARTICULAR, THEY REALLY ENDURED A LOT TO BRING THE SUPPORT
11 FORWARD, SO IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING WE'RE-- IT'S SOMETHING
12 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF. I WORK EVERY DAY WITH RELATIVE CAREGIVERS
13 WHO SACRIFICE SO MUCH TO KEEP THEIR FAMILIES TOGETHER. AND WE
14 BELIEVE THAT YOU, BOARD MEMBERS, CAN REALLY HELP EASE THE
15 STRESS THAT THEY PUT THEMSELVES THROUGH AND AT THE SAME TIME
16 IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR THE CHILDREN WHO ARE IN THEIR CARE, IN
17 THE COUNTY'S CARE. YOU KNOW, WE REALLY LONG TO HEAR THESE
18 TYPES OF REFORMS FOR QUITE A WHILE. AND THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS,
19 ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO EXPEDITING RESOURCES, CREATING
20 PARITY IN FUNDING FOR CHILDREN WITH RELATIVE CAREGIVERS ALONG
21 WITH TRANSPARENCY AND ENGAGEMENT WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS IS
22 SOMETHING THAT WE'RE REALLY, REALLY PLEASED TO HEAR ABOUT. WE
23 WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE BOARD MEMBERS SOME SPECIFIC QUESTIONS
24 AROUND, ONE, HOW THE BOARD PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THE
25 RECOMMENDATIONS AND ALSO HOW THEY PLAN TO ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS

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1 IN THE PROCESS. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON THAT.
2 AND THEN IN CONCLUSION AT COMMUNITY COALITION WE'RE REALLY
3 LOOKING FORWARD TO ROLLING UP OUR SLEEVES, WORKING ALONGSIDE
4 THE COUNTY AND DOING THE HARD WORK OF IMPROVING CHILD SAFETY
5 AND FAMILY WELL-BEING AND ALSO AT THE END OF THE DAY ECHOING
6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S CALL FOR DELIBERATIVE YET DECISIVE
7 ACTION. AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **MATT HARRIS:** HI, MY NAME IS DR. MATT HARRIS. I'M THE EXECUTIVE
12 DIRECTOR WITH PROJECT IMPACT AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY CHILD WELFARE COALITION. ON BEHALF OF THE 51
14 AGENCIES THAT MAKE UP THE COALITION, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK
15 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND ALSO TO
16 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPOINTING THE BLUE RIBBON
17 COMMISSION. WE ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE BLUE RIBBON
18 COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS. AT THE TIME THE BLUE RIBBON
19 COMMISSION WAS CONSIDERED, I REMEMBER HEARING TWO SUPERVISORS
20 POINTED OUT THAT WE KNOW WHAT TO DO, WE JUST NEED TO DO IT.
21 HOWEVER, AS YOU KNOW, MOVING IDEAS TO RESULTS DOES NOT EXIST
22 IN A VACUUM. EVERY NOW AND THEN I HAVE TO UPGRADE THE
23 OPERATING SYSTEM ON MY COMPUTER TO KEEP IT FROM CRASHING FROM
24 THE OVERLOAD OF INFORMATION. WITH THE OVER 850 RECOMMENDATIONS
25 AIMED AT REFORMING D.C.F.S., THE FRUSTRATION HAS BEEN, REFORM

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1 MUST BEGIN AT THE TOP WITH LEADERSHIP THAT HAS THE CAPACITY
2 AND SKILL SET TO MOVE IDEAS TO RESULTS. THE KIND OF REFORM
3 THAT'S NEEDED REQUIRES A SYSTEM UPGRADE TO HANDLE THIS
4 OVERLOAD OF INFORMATION. THAT SKILL SET MUST INCLUDE A LEADER
5 THAT HAS THE RESPECT OF HIS OR HER PEERS, THE RESPECT OF THE
6 COMMUNITY, UNDERSTANDS THE CULTURE AND IS A CHILD WELFARE
7 SPECIALIST. CAN I SAY WHAT THE EVIDENCE IS SAYING? WE NEED NEW
8 LEADERSHIP AT THE TOP THAT UNDERSTANDS HOW TO BRING ABOUT THAT
9 REFORM WITHIN THE D.C.F.S. CULTURE. OUR BEST YEARS, IN
10 CLOSING, OF MOVING TOWARD REFORM WERE UNDER DR. SANDERS. BY
11 ANY MEANS NECESSARY, WE NEED TO BEG THIS MAN TO COME BACK AND
12 LEAD THIS REFORM. HE UNDERSTANDS THE CULTURE AND THE DYNAMICS
13 OF REFORM. HE HAS THE RESPECT OF HIS PEERS AND THE COMMUNITY
14 AND IS BY FAR ONE OF THE BEST CHILD WELFARE SPECIALISTS IN OUR
15 NATION. DIFFERENT FROM OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE COME
16 BEFORE YOU, THESE RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDE A CONTEXT TO
17 SHEPHERD REFORM BEYOND THE CULTURE OF FEAR TO A CULTURE OF
18 LEARNING. AS A COMMUNITY COALITION OF AGENCIES, I'M JUST ABOUT
19 FINISHED, WE STAND READY TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
20 B.R.C. THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY, NEXT? AND I'D ASK LORI
23 MARTIN AND ERIC PREVEN TO JOIN US, PLEASE?

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1 **MARTHA MATTHEWS:** SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS MARTHA MATTHEWS, I'M
2 THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS PROJECT AT PUBLIC
3 COUNCIL. I'M A MEMBER OF AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE IMPACT
4 OF CHILD WELFARE RE-ALIGNMENT AND THE TITLE IV- E WAIVER IN
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'VE BEEN MEETING FOR THE PAST YEAR OR
6 SO. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO YOUR CHILDREN'S DEPUTIES, AND WE
7 PRESENTED BEFORE THE COMMISSION. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ECHO
8 EVERYONE'S GRATITUDE FOR THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION AND TO
9 HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT WHICH WE
10 BELIEVE ARE REALLY CONGRUENT WITH THE CHALLENGES AND
11 OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY THE CHALLENGES BY THE COMPLETELY
12 DIFFERENT FISCAL LANDSCAPE OF CHILD WELFARE UNDER RE-ALIGNMENT
13 AND THE TITLE IV- E WAIVER. THE COMMISSION HAS HIGHLIGHTED HOW
14 THIS COUNTY HAS FLEXIBLE FUNDING. THE FUNDING IS NOT IN SILOS.
15 THERE ARE NO SILOS. IT'S THE COMBINED EFFECT OF CHILD WELFARE
16 RE-ALIGNMENT AND THE WAIVER ALLOW THE COUNTY TO PUT ITS
17 FUNDING WHERE ITS PRIORITIES ARE, FOR PREVENTION, EFFECTIVE
18 INTERVENTION AND PERMANENCY AND TO FIX HISTORIC GAPS IN
19 FUNDING SUCH AS THE INEQUITY THAT RELATIVE CAREGIVERS SUFFER
20 UNDER THAT SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE POINTED OUT. IT IS ARBITRARY
21 AND UNCONSCIONABLE THAT SOME RELATIVE CAREGIVERS GET A
22 RIDICULOUSLY BELOW POVERTY RATE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN WHILE
23 OTHERS GET THE FOSTER CARE RATE. THE COUNTY CAN SIMPLY FIX
24 THAT. AND THERE ARE OTHER GREAT EXAMPLES OF THE USE OF
25 FLEXIBLE FUNDING IN THE REPORT. LIKEWISE, THE COMMISSION HAS

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1 CALLED FOR TRANSPARENCY IN BUDGETING AND DECISION MAKING BY
2 D.C.F.S. NOBODY FROM THE OUTSIDE THAT I KNOW UNDERSTANDS
3 D.C.F.S.'S BUDGET PROCESS. THAT CAN BE FIXED. A TRANSPARENCY
4 IS POSSIBLE IN BUDGETING. THE ONE THING THAT I BELIEVE THE ONE
5 THING I BELIEVE THAT COMMISSION REPORT DIDN'T INCLUDE THAT WE
6 WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALSO INCLUDED IS THAT BALANCED, WITH A FOCUS
7 ON VULNERABLE CHILDREN UNDER 5 SHOULD BE A FOCUS ON TRANSITION
8 AGE YOUTH. I HAVE WRITTEN A LETTER TO THE COMMISSION, AND I
9 WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT COPIES OF THAT LETTER TO THE BOARD.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE DO, THANK YOU.

12

13 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** MY NAME IS PATRICK O'ROURKE. YOU WELL KNOW
14 MY POSITION ON D.C.F.S. AND I WANTED TO REITERATE THAT THE
15 BOARD HERE HAS AND THE COMMISSION HAS REFUSED TO GO AHEAD AND
16 ACKNOWLEDGE THE CRIMINAL ASPECT WITHIN D.C.F.S. THAT CRIMINAL
17 ASPECT IS CURRENTLY BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE F.B.I., AS YOU
18 WELL KNOW, AS WELL AS WELL-DOCUMENTED WITHIN OTHER HEARINGS
19 THAT THIS BOARD HAS OVERSEEN, NAMELY BUDGETARY MALFEASANCE,
20 THE FILING OF FALSE REPORTS, INCLUDING FALSE ACCIDENT REPORTS
21 TO GAIN MONEY THROUGH CAR ACCIDENTS. I REMIND YOU OF THAT A
22 YEAR OR TWO AGO THAT THERE HAS BEEN-- YOU KNOW, THE FACT THAT
23 NONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS HERE ARE LISTENING IS THE PROBLEM.
24 THE PUBLIC IS SPEAKING. AND THE BOARD IS OUT OF TUNE. THEY'RE
25 NOT LISTENING TO US. THERE IS NO NEWS CAMERAS TO RECORD THE

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1 ACCUSATIONS THAT WE HAVE BROUGHT FORWARD. AND THERE IS NO
2 WILLINGNESS BY THE BOARD TO ACT ON THOSE. THEIR NONCOMMITTAL
3 NATURE AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ACCOLADE AND GIVE CONGRATS TO
4 THOSE WHO SUPPORT D.C.F.S. WHILE POO POOING THOSE WHO HAVE ANY
5 DETRACTION WHATSOEVER HAS FOSTERED AN AIR OF COMPLETE
6 DISREGARD FOR THE LAW. SOCIAL WORKERS ARE NOT MADE UP IN
7 D.C.F.S. THEY ARE APPOINTED. THEY DON'T COMPLETE CLASSES
8 BEFORE THEY CAN BECOME D.C.F.S. WORKERS, IT'S AFTERWARDS WHEN
9 THEY BECOME DIRECTORS OR SUPERVISORS. THE FACT THAT THE
10 D.C.F.S. IS A POLICE AGENCY CAPABLE OF REMOVING CHILDREN AND
11 FORCING COMPLIANCE UPON THE PUBLIC, UPON MEMBERS OF THE
12 TAXPAYING PUBLIC IS A CRIME IN AND OF ITSELF BECAUSE THESE ARE
13 NOT POLICE-TRAINED OFFICERS. AND YOU NEED TO GO AHEAD AND
14 CHANGE THAT ATTITUDE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK AUBREY TOUSANT TO
17 JOIN US, PLEASE? NEXT?

18

19 **LORI MARTIN:** GOOD MORNING, LORI MARTIN FROM RIVERSIDE COUNTY.
20 I HAVE GONE TO QUITE A FEW OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION
21 HEARINGS AND I DO HAVE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE FACT
22 THAT THEY LISTENED TO THE PUBLIC AND OUR RECOMMENDATIONS, AS
23 WELL. OUR TESTIMONY, OUR PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE WITH D.C.F.S.
24 AND I CAN'T SAY THAT THERE ISN'T A FINGER TO POINT TO BLAME.
25 THIS BOARD HAS HEARD ME SPEAK FROM 2/26/2012 ON AN EACH AND

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1 EVERY HEARING I CAN'T STATE THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN A NEW PARTY
2 COME AND COMPLAIN ABOUT PERJURED REPORTS, FALSIFIED REPORTS,
3 FALSE C.A./C.I. INDEXING NUMBERS TO REMOVE CHILDREN. THAT IS
4 DEFINITELY A CRIME. AS YOU SIT THERE AND LOOK THE OTHER WAY, I
5 DO HAVE TO AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH: IT IS ALL THE WAY
6 UP TO THE JUDGES. THEY'RE THE ONES THAT MAKE THE FINAL RULE
7 AND DECISION. BUT THAT ALSO MEANS YOU GUYS HAVE A JOB TO
8 REMOVE THEM. IF YOU DON'T THINK THAT THEY'RE EFFECTIVE, TIME
9 TO TURN THEM OUT, AS WELL. YOU KNOW, JUST BECAUSE YOUR JOBS,
10 THREE OF YOU ARE ENDING, DOESN'T MEAN THAT, YOU KNOW, THE
11 REPERCUSSIONS FOR WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON WON'T RETURN. THERE
12 WILL BE CONSEQUENCES TO THIS ACTION OF NONACTION BY THE BOARD.
13 I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE SCREAMING THAT YOU HAVE INACTIVELY HELPED
14 THE SYSTEMATIC FAILURE BY JUST TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK RATHER
15 THAN FIXING IT. FIRING WORKERS. PRESSING CHARGES. THESE ARE
16 THE TYPES OF THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE BECAUSE THIS WILL SET
17 AN EXAMPLE. WE DON'T WANT CHILDREN THAT ARE UNABUSED. WE ARE
18 HERE TO PROTECT CHILDREN. IF YOU'RE TAKING CHILDREN THAT
19 AREN'T ABUSED AND IGNORING THE ABUSED ONE, WE ALSO HAVE JOSHUA
20 VASQUEZ TWO WEEKS AFTER GABRIEL FERNANDEZ DIED. WHAT ABOUT THE
21 570 WITHIN 18 MONTHS. STOP IGNORING THIS PROBLEM. REFORM IT
22 NOW, PLEASE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT? [APPLAUSE.]

25

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES IT'S ERIC PREVEN AND A CANDIDATE FOR THE
2 THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MY
3 SUPERVISOR FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, HE MENTIONED THAT THERE
4 WERE 40 RECOMMENDATIONS, OF WHICH HE HAD HEARD ALL OF THEM
5 BEFORE EXCEPT FOR ONE. IF THE THIRD DISTRICT COULD IDENTIFY
6 WHAT THAT RECOMMENDATION THAT WAS NEW IS, THAT WOULD BE VERY
7 INTERESTING TO THE PUBLIC. I'M CERTAINLY VERY INTERESTED. THAT
8 WOULD BE HELPFUL. YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT THIS BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS IS ON THE HOT SEAT RIGHT NOW, WHETHER THEY FEEL IT
10 OR NOT. IT'S CLEAR THAT THE ORCHESTRATION OF THE MANY SILOS
11 THAT ARE INTENDED TO LOOK AFTER THESE CHILDREN ARE UNDER YOUR
12 OVERSIGHT. AND YET TODAY, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAD THE GALL
13 TO SUGGEST THAT THERE THEY'RE A BUNCH OF TURKEYS THAT HAVE
14 BEEN SUGGESTED. WE'VE SEEN THEM ALL BEFORE IS THE IMPLICATION
15 WITH 800 OR SO RECOMMENDATIONS. WELL I WOULD SIMPLY SAY TO ALL
16 OF YOU: WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT TODAY AND TOMORROW AND THE
17 NEXT DAY? BECAUSE I, FRANKLY, THINK THAT WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH
18 THIS PROCESS IN REPETITION. AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS
19 THE ONLY GROUP THAT HAS THE AUTHORITY AND THE, IF THEY HAD THE
20 WILL TO FIX SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS, THEY COULD DO SO. AND YET,
21 ONCE AGAIN, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THREE WEEKS, AND IN FACT THE
22 BOARD IS NOT MEETING NEXT WEEK. IN FACT WE HEARD THEY'RE GOING
23 TO GET A LOOK AT THE VANIR INDEPENDENT JAIL PLAN AT TOMORROW'S
24 CLUSTER MEETING BEFORE YOU ALL GO BACK TO WASHINGTON. PERHAPS
25 TO SEEK SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY THAT

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1 HAS FAILED. I MEAN, THIS HAS FAILED. THIS DIVISION WE NEED TO
2 BE FOCUSING ON OPENING THE DOORS TO THAT COURT THAT WERE
3 OPENED AND NOW COUNTY COUNSEL IS CHALLENGING THAT TO SHUT THEM
4 RIGHT BACK UP, THE DEPENDENCY COURT. THAT'S AN ABSURD LINE OF
5 APPROACH. OBVIOUSLY FRESH EYES AND ORDINARY RESIDENTS KNOW THE
6 DIFFERENCE AND CAN BE HELPFUL IN THESE ENVIRONMENTS. AND
7 CONSTANTLY SEQUESTERING THINGS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, HERE COMES
8 MR. KRATTLI TO TAKE IT, IS OUTRAGEOUS. AND IT'S GONE ON NOT
9 JUST IN IN DEPARTMENT AND TO USE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? I'D ASK ARNOLD SACHS
12 AND JOHN WALSH AND JABRIEL MUHAMMAD TO JOIN US, PLEASE. GO
13 AHEAD, MA'AM.

14

15 **AUDREY TOUSANT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS AUDREY TOUSANT AND
16 I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE L.A. COUNTY CHILD WELFARE COALITION
17 AND WE'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT WE STRONGLY COMMEND THE BOARD,
18 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR THEIR EFFORTS OVER THESE PAST
19 FEW MONTHS. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS. AND WE'RE
20 HERE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM IN ANY WAY WE CAN IN
21 IMPLEMENTING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? WHOEVER WANTS TO GO?
24 MR. SACHS? START THE TIME.

25

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I CAN'T BELIEVE
2 PEOPLE CLAPPING. ANYWAY, MS. MOLINA MENTIONED 21 YEARS AS A
3 SUPERVISOR. THAT MAKES HER ALMOST A FRESHMAN EXCEPT FOR
4 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. YOU HAD A SPEAKER THAT CAME UP HERE
5 MENTION THAT SHE HAD BEEN BEFORE THE BOARD 30 YEARS AGO. YET
6 ANOTHER SPEAKER WHO CAME UP HERE AND MENTIONED SHE HAD BEEN
7 HERE IN 2008 REPORT. THEN YOU HAD SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
8 TALK ABOUT BEING DELIBERATE. SO I'M WONDERING: IS 21 YEARS
9 DELIBERATE? IS 30 YEARS DELIBERATE? IS 8 YEARS DELIBERATE? 6
10 YEARS DELIBERATE? WHAT EXACTLY DEFINES DELIBERATE WHEN YOU
11 TALK ABOUT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS? PART OF THE REPORT MENTIONED
12 WE WANT TO FOCUS ON CHILDREN 0 TO 5. SUPERVISOR MOLINA
13 MENTIONED A YOUNG BOY WHO GOT KILLED. HE WAS EIGHT. SO HOW
14 DOES HE FALL OUT-- HE'S ALREADY FALLING OUTSIDE THE CRACKS OF
15 YOUR REPORT. AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MENTIONED 40
16 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN HEARD. SO IF THEY'VE
17 ALREADY BEEN HEARD, HOW DO THEY END UP COMING BACK TO THE
18 BOARD A SECOND TIME? SOMEBODY MENTIONED SYSTEMATIC FLAWS. CAN
19 YOU SAY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS? THERE'S NO DEPARTMENT INVOLVED
20 IN THE SYSTEMATIC FLAWS. IT'S STRICTLY YOU. YOU FIVE-- SIX
21 BECAUSE WE SHOULD INCLUDE SUPERVISOR YVONNE BRAITHWAITE BURKE
22 BECAUSE SHE HELD THE POSITION FOR 12, 15 YEARS IN HERE. YOU
23 SIX SET THE STANDARDS AS LOW AS THEY ARE JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU
24 MAKE MONEY OFF THESE CHILDREN. SO YOU CANNOT ONLY THIEVES,
25 LIARS, CROOKS BUT YOU'RE MURDERERS. YOU CAN ADD THAT.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT GETS A LITTLE OLD, YOU KNOW. GO
3 AHEAD.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ANSWER THE QUESTION, SIR, THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO
6 DO.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I HAVE ONE RESPONSE TO YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JOHN WALSH. JABRIEL MUHAMMAD. OKAY,
11 NEXT?

12

13 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. OR
14 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL. OR TWEETING RIGHT NOW @HOLLYWOODDEMS. I GO
15 BACK BEFORE ALL OF YOU. I REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE DEANE DANA,
16 MR. KNABE, YOU WERE HIS AIDE. I REMEMBER EDELMAN. AND I WANT
17 TO SAY THAT WHEN I WAS BACK THERE, AND I WANT TO SAY IT, I WAS
18 THERE MEETING AFTER MEETING, NO ONE EVER CAME UP HERE AND
19 SAID, "THEY STOLE MY CHILD." THESE, ALL OF THESE PROBLEMS, ALL
20 OF THIS CRAP STARTED WHEN THESE PEOPLE SHOWED UP. AND IF I'M
21 WRONG, SHOW ME. AND I WANT TO TELL YOU RIGHT NOW WHAT D.C.F.S.
22 STANDS FOR. DYING CHILDREN, FATAL SYNDROME. AND YOU SPREAD IT
23 ALL. IT'S YOU. AND I WANT TO SAY IF IT WERE WHITE CHILDREN
24 THAT WERE DYING, THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN CLEARED UP A LONG TIME
25 AGO. BUT SINCE THEY ARE BLACK AND HISPANIC CHILDREN, ASIAN

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1 CHILDREN ARE CONSIDERED NO LONGER MINORITIES, THEY DROPPED
2 OUT. I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW THAT WHAT HAS HAPPENED NOW IS
3 ALL-- WHAT DO WE GET? ANOTHER GRAND COMMISSION. AND EVEN
4 YAROSLAVSKY'S URINATING ON THE COMMISSION BEFORE HE'S DONE
5 ANYTHING. BUT, REMEMBER, GO TO OTHER CITIES. GO TO SAN
6 FRANCISCO. GO TO OTHER CITIES. YOU DON'T SEE PEOPLE GETTING UP
7 LIKE THIS. AND LAST WEEK, A MOTHER AND CHILD GOT UP HERE.
8 THERE WERE NO CAMERAS IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT. AND THE MOTHER,
9 WHO I BELIEVE IS A MINORITY AND THE CHILD I BELIEVE IS A
10 MINORITY, THE CHILD SPOKE AND WAS EIGHT YEARS OLD AND TALKED
11 ABOUT HOW YOU STOLE HIM FROM HIS MOTHER. I HAVE BEEN GOING TO
12 THESE KINDS OF MEETINGS SINCE 1973, OKAY? UNDER THE BROWN ACT.
13 I HAVE NEVER SEEN A CHILD GET UP AND SAY TO POLITICIANS: "YOU
14 STOLE ME FROM MY PARENTS. YOU PUT ME IN A HOUSE WHERE I WAS
15 FORCED TO EAT FOOD WHICH WAS AGAINST MY RELIGION." NOW, IF I'M
16 WRONG, GO CHECK IT. EVERYBODY GO CHECK IT. AND YOU CAN PUT ALL
17 OF THIS CRAP ON HERE ON YOUR T.V. CAMERAS ABOUT THEM. I'M
18 TELLING YOU NOW, YOU ARE KILLING CHILDREN. AND IF THAT MEANS
19 YOU ARE A MURDERER, IT'S SECONDARY. YOU'RE NOT A DIRECT
20 MURDERER, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND YOU'RE NOT BLACK.

21 [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WOW. YES.

24

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1 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** JABRIEL MUHAMMAD FOR THE BISMILLAH JUSTICE
2 MOVEMENT. IT APPEARS TO BE A GREAT LACK OF IMAGINATION GOING
3 ON, YOU KNOW, FOR US TO HAVE SUCH AN INFAMOUS CASE SCENARIO AS
4 FAR AS THE ACCUSATIONS THAT WE HAVE BEEN GETTING FROM THE
5 PUBLIC. AND THEN HERE'S THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION, TO SHAME EVERYBODY'S
7 COMMENTS AND SLANDERS BY TAKING ON A PROJECT TO ASSURE, AS ZEV
8 WOULD SAY, RESULTS. YOU SEE, WE WANT TO TAKE THE DYSFUNCTIONAL
9 AND WE WANT TO MAKE THEM FUNCTIONAL. NOW, WE GOT 26,000
10 YOUNGSTERS BEING RELEASED FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE CHILD'S
11 PARENTING, FOSTER PARENTING, 26,000 EVERY YEAR. WHAT ARE THEY
12 DOING WITH THEMSELVES UPON COMING OUT OF THESE SYSTEMS? OKAY.
13 WE WANT THESE CHILDREN TO BE ENVIED BY THOSE THAT WEREN'T
14 SUBJECT TO SUCH A SCENARIO BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT THERE'S
15 SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONIES TO SEE TO IT THAT THEY'RE
16 FOSTERED PROPERLY. WE'RE GETTING THE WRONG TYPE OF REPORTS.
17 AND WE HAVE TOO MUCH MONEY TO BE GETTING THOSE TYPE OF
18 REPORTS. WE HAVE THE MONEY NECESSARY TO SERVICE THESE
19 CHILDREN. AND I'M APPALLED IN FACT THAT ONE YEAR OLDS AND
20 FIVE-YEAR-OLDS. I DIDN'T KNOW ALL THIS. 19,000 CHILDREN UNDER
21 THE AGE OF FIVE YEARS OLD. THAT'S A CITY. THAT'S A CITY. SO WE
22 GOT WORK BEFORE US. AND I'M SAYING CREATIVITY AND BUDGET IS
23 INVOLVED. AND WE NEED SOME FRESH MINDS TO COME TOGETHER TO
24 RESOLVE THIS MATTER SO WE CAN GET SOME POSITIVE RESULTS AND

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1 HAVE 19,000 PRODUCTIVE INDIVIDUALS BY THE TIME THEY GET A
2 CHANCE TO BE INTEGRATED INTO SOCIETY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. BEFORE US,
5 SO EVERYBODY IS CLEAR, THE ONLY MOTION THAT'S BEFORE US IS THE
6 MOTION THAT I MOVED AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
7 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS A MOTION, BUT IT HASN'T BEEN
8 SECONDED. BUT MY UNDERSTANDING WAS IT WAS GOING TO BE DELAYED
9 UNTIL IT COMES BACK ON THE 20TH, IS THAT CORRECT?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S ESSENTIALLY A READ-IN THAT CALLS
12 THOSE THREE THINGS FORWARD AND CAN BE FACTORED INTO THE
13 DELIBERATIONS ON THE 20TH.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT'S A READ-IN FOR THAT PARTICULAR
16 MEETING?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN OTHER WORDS. IT WOULD BE LIKE READING
21 IN A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK. JUST PUT IT IN THE WORKS. YEAH,
22 YEAH. ALL RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND ANTONOVICH SECONDED.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. ANTONOVICH DID SECOND THAT?

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, HE JUST DID.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE JUST DID? WHICH EAR DID YOU GET THAT
6 OUT OF? OKAY. READ IN FOR THE 20TH. WE MAY HAVE AN ISSUE ON
7 THE 20TH WITH A SUPERVISOR BEING ABSENT BUT WE'LL CLEAR THAT
8 UP. WE'LL GET A DATE CERTAIN. THAT'S WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, SO
9 ORDERED. THANK YOU. RECEIVE AND FILE. I'M GOING TO TAKE UP
10 ITEM NO. 5. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THAT TO GO AHEAD. WE WILL
11 TAKE UP ITEM NO. 5 RIGHT NOW.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 5, THIS IS PART OF THE
14 PUBLIC HEARING. SO ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
15 BOARD PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I GOT LIKE A BUNCH OF TESTIMONIES, SO IF
18 YOU'RE GOING TO TESTIFY, PLEASE STAND AND BE SWORN IN.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU
21 MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE
22 TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU
23 GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. SO ON ITEM NO. 5, THIS IS A
24 DE NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2013-02284 LOCATED AT 17350
25 EAST TEMPLE AVENUE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SOUTH

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1 SAN JOSE HILLS, APPLIED FOR BY COVINA HILLS M.H.C. L.P. TO
2 AUTHORIZE CONVERSION OF A MOBILE HOME PARK INTO CONDOMINIUM
3 UNITS, THE APPEAL FROM REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DENIAL.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL ASK FOR STAFF REPORT
6 FIRST, PLEASE.

7

8 **TYLER MONTGOMERY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TYLER
9 MONTGOMERY, SENIOR REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT WITH THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING LAND DIVISION SECTION. THE
11 PROJECT BEFORE YOU TODAY WAS DENIED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING
12 COMMISSION, OR R.P.C., ON MARCH 12, 2014. THE DENIAL IS BEING
13 APPEALED BY THE APPLICANT COVINA HILLS, M.H.C. L.P. THE
14 PROJECT WOULD CONVERT AN EXISTING 500 UNIT MOBILE HOME PARK
15 INTO 500 MOBILE HOME CONDOMINIUM UNITS WITH SHARED AMENITIES
16 ON 75.75 GROSS OR 73.12 NET ACRES. THE MOBILE HOME PARK IS
17 LOCATED AT 17350 EAST TEMPLE AVENUE IN THE COMMUNITY OF SOUTH
18 SAN JOSE HILLS. RESIDENTS WOULD BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO
19 PURCHASE OR CONTINUE RENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE UNITS PURSUANT
20 TO SECTION 66427.5 OF THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT. NO PHYSICAL
21 CHANGES TO THE EXISTING SITE ARE PROPOSED. THE R.P.C.
22 CONDUCTED A DULY- NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING AT ITS REGULAR
23 SCHEDULED MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2014. TWO SPEAKERS TESTIFIED
24 IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND FOUR SPEAKERS SPOKE IN
25 OPPOSITION. CORRESPONDENCE, BOTH FOR AND AGAINST THE PROJECT,

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1 WAS SUBMITTED. THE R.P.C. SUBSEQUENTLY VOTED TO CONTINUE THE
2 PUBLIC HEARING TO MARCH 12, 2014 TO ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO
3 PROVIDE THEM WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS WELL AS TO MEET
4 WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE R.P.C. ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE
5 APPLICANT CONDUCT ANOTHER SURVEY OF TENANT SUPPORT AS THE
6 PREVIOUS IS SURVEY FROM 2011 COULD BE PERCEIVED AS CONTINUING
7 AMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE. THE CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD
8 BEFORE THE R.P.C. ON MARCH 12, 2014. ONE SPEAKER TESTIFIED IN
9 FAVOR OF THE PROJECT AND 10 SPEAKERS SPOKE IN OPPOSITION. THE
10 APPLICANTS STATED THAT THREE COMMUNITY MEETINGS HAD BEEN HELD
11 ALTHOUGH NO ADDITIONAL SURVEY HAD BEEN CONDUCTED. DURING
12 DISCUSSION, MEMBERS OF THE R.P.C. STATED THAT THE EXISTING
13 SURVEY DID NOT DEMONSTRATE THE SUPPORT OF AT LEAST A MAJORITY
14 OF THE PARK'S HOMEOWNERS. PURSUANT TO SECTION 66427.5 OF THE
15 SUBDIVISION MAP ACT, THE RESULTS OF THE TENANT SURVEY
16 SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT DID NOT DEMONSTRATE THE SUPPORT OF
17 AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF THE PARK'S HOMEOWNERS FOR THE PROPOSED
18 VESTING TENTATIVE MAP. THEREFORE THE PROJECT MAY BE DENIED
19 PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION. R.P.C. SUBSEQUENTLY CLOSED THE
20 PUBLIC HEARING AND DENIED THE PROJECT BY A VOTE OF 4-0 WITH
21 ONE ABSTENTION. STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR BOARD, AFTER THE
22 PUBLIC HEARING, DENY THE APPLICANTS' APPEAL AND INSTRUCT
23 COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE
24 R.P.C.'S DENIAL OF VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 071831.
25 THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF AT THIS
3 POINT? IF NOT, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP.
4 I WOULD ASK MARTHA VASQUEZ, EDWARD SOUZA, SCOTT JOHNSON, AND
5 JIM WILLIAMS, YOU ARE THE FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS. AND I
6 UNDERSTAND I GOT A NOTE HERE THAT MARTHA NEEDS A TRANSLATOR.
7 AND FOR ALL OF YOU THAT CAME DOWN TO TESTIFY ON THIS
8 PARTICULAR ITEM, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE
9 AND APOLOGIZE, BUT WE DID NEED TO DO THAT BLUE RIBBON
10 COMMISSION. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **MARTHA VAZQUEZ:** BUENOS DIAS.

13

14 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I JUST WANTED TO LET
15 YOU KNOW THAT WE NEEDED TO CUT THE LIST OF THE MEMBERS WHO ARE
16 GOING TO SPEAK TODAY BECAUSE MOST OF THEM NEEDED TO GO BACK TO
17 WORK. AND WE ALL CAME IN A BUS. MY NAME IS MARTHA VAZQUEZ. I'M
18 A RESIDENT OF 16 YEARS IN COVINA HILLS MOBILE HOME. I'M
19 OPPOSED TO THIS SUBDIVISION CONVERSION BECAUSE THE ATTORNEY
20 DID THREE MEETINGS AFTER THE FIRST HEARING AND WHAT HAPPENED
21 WAS THAT THE REPORT, THE IMPACT REPORT, WAS GIVEN BY THE
22 ATTORNEY 15 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST MEETING. THE ATTORNEY NEEDED
23 TO PROVIDE THAT REPORT 15 DAYS PRIOR TO THAT FIRST MEETING,
24 BUT HE PROVIDED THAT UNTIL FEBRUARY 3. I AM OPPOSED TO THIS
25 SUBDIVISION CONVERSION BECAUSE IT LACKED CRUCIAL PERMISSION

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1 AND VIOLATED OUR RIGHTS TO THE PROPERTY. I OWN MY MOBILE HOME.
2 AND I PAID AN AVERAGE OF \$82,000. IF THIS PROJECT PASSES, IT
3 WOULD BE INJUSTICE FOR ALMOST 300 HOMES THAT DO NOT QUALIFY
4 FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. BEHIND ME ARE THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE OR
5 WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE MOBILE HOME PARK. AND IF YOU CAN
6 PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT THAT YOU'RE HERE
7 AGAINST THIS POSITION. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

10

11 **JIM WILLIAMS:** MY NAME IS JIM WILLIAMS AND I'VE BEEN A
12 HOMEOWNER IN COVINA HILLS FOR 40 YEARS. I LOVE MY COMMUNITY
13 AND MY NEIGHBORS. OUR PARK WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1972. MY HOME IS
14 A 1975 MODEL, AND THE MAJORITY OF THE HOMES MOVED IN PRIOR TO
15 1977 WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET FINANCING IF THE CONVERSION TAKES
16 PLACE. IF FINANCING WERE MADE AVAILABLE, COULD WE AFFORD THE
17 HIGHER INTEREST RATES OR THE DOWN PAYMENT? ABOUT 130
18 HOMEOWNERS IN MY PARK ARE SENIOR CITIZENS, MANY LIVING ON
19 SOCIAL SECURITY WITHOUT A PENSION LIKE MYSELF. IN THE LAST
20 FIVE YEARS, SOCIAL SECURITY COST OF LIVING INCREASES ONLY
21 AVERAGE 1.36 PERCENT INCREASE PER YEAR, HARDLY ENOUGH TO COVER
22 THE RISING COST OF FOOD, GAS AND OTHER ITEMS. SINCE MY HOME
23 WAS MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1980, AS MANY WERE, I PAY NO PROPERTY
24 TAXES, ONLY A \$70 A YEAR LICENSE FEE. IF THE CONVERSION GOES
25 THROUGH AND WE BUY THE LAND, THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO PAY ABOUT A

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1 \$1500 IN PROPERTY TAXES THAT WE DON'T PAY NOW. MOST SENIORS
2 COULD NOT AFFORD THIS ADDITIONAL EXPENSE. WITH THE CHANCE OF
3 THE CONVERSION TAKING PLACE, MANY RESIDENTS ARE DECIDING TO
4 SELL THEIR HOMES BEFORE THAT HAPPENS. LET'S KEEP OUR CURRENT
5 SENIORS AND OTHER RESIDENTS INTACT BY NOT APPROVING THE
6 CONVERSION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

9

10 **EDWARD SOUZA:** OKAY, MY NAME IS EDWARD SOUZA, I'VE BEEN A
11 HOMEOWNER IN COVINA HILLS SINCE 1986. THERE WAS A SURVEY DONE
12 IN MARCH OF 2012 FOR OUR SUBDIVISION WHICH YIELDED 125
13 HOMEOWNERS OUT OF 474 RESIDENTS AT THAT TIME. THERE WAS FIVE
14 QUESTIONS ON THE SURVEY. THREE IN SUPPOSEDLY SUPPORT OF THE
15 CONVERSION, ONE UNDECIDED AT THIS TIME AND ONE NOT TO SUPPORT
16 THE CONVERSION. THE TOTAL RESIDENTS WHO SUPPORTED THE CHANGED
17 OWNERSHIP THAT WAS DONE IN MARCH 2012 WAS 80 PERCENT. WHICH
18 WAS ONLY 26 PERCENT OF THE PARK'S TOTAL. LET ME CLARIFY THINGS
19 A LITTLE. THREE QUESTIONS OF THE SUBDIVISION. QUESTION NUMBER
20 1. 52 PERCENT OF THE RESIDENTS WHO SUPPORTED THE CHANGE OF
21 OWNERSHIP WOULD RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PURCHASE THE
22 UNIT. THIS QUESTION IS TOTALLY MISLEADING BECAUSE, ONE, OVER
23 60 PERCENT OF THE MOBILE HOMES IN OUR PARK WERE BUILT PRIOR TO
24 1976. AND ACCORDING TO THE APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL ADVISER BY
25 MOBILE HOMES BUILT PRIOR TO 1977 WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FINANCE

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1 THE LAND, THEREFORE MAKING THIS A SHAM CONVERSION. OVER 60
2 PERCENT OF OUR PARK WOULD BE FORCED TO RENT WITH NO RENT
3 CONTROL AT ALL, ALLOWING THE PARK OWNERS TO RAISE THE RENT AS
4 MUCH AS THEY SEE FIT LIKE THEY HAVE DONE IN MANY OF THE PARKS
5 IN OUR STATE, MAKING ROOM FOR THEM TO DO WHAT THEY REALLY WANT
6 TO DO WITH THIS SHAM CONVERSION. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR
7 YOUR TIME AND PLEASE DENY THIS TRACT MAP.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. JOHNSON? BEFORE YOU
10 SPEAK, I'D ASK MARY BARETISH, STELLA HORRMAN AND ARNOLD SACHS
11 TO JOIN US. OKAY, MR. JOHNSON.

12

13 **SCOTT JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS SCOTT JOHNSON AND I HAVE BEEN A
14 RESIDENT OF COVINA HILLS FOR OVER 13 YEARS. BY GOING TO THE
15 L.A. COUNTY ASSESSOR'S WEBSITE AS WELL AS THE HELP FROM SOME
16 RESIDENTS, I WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN DATA CONCERNING THE YEARS
17 THESE HOMES IN THE PARK WERE BUILT. OUT OF 474 HOMES, OVER 60
18 PERCENT WERE BUILT IN OR PRIOR TO 1976. ACCORDING TO MR. PETCH
19 IN A MEETING HELD IN THE PARK, HE'S THE LAWYER, THESE LOTS THE
20 HOMES RESIDE ARE INELIGIBLE FOR F.H.A. OR CONVENTIONAL
21 FINANCING. SINCE 51 PERCENT OF THE LOTS NEED TO BE PURCHASED
22 IN ORDER FOR THE PARK TO BE RESIDENT- OWNED AND OVER 60
23 PERCENT ARE NOT EVEN ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCING, THIS SEEMS TO
24 MAKE THIS SUBDIVISION IMPOSSIBLE. SECONDLY, APPROXIMATELY 70
25 PERCENT OF THE RESIDENTS ARE LOW INCOME. THE POTENTIAL OF LOW

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1 INCOME HOUSEHOLDS GETTING FINANCED FOR 150 TO 150,000 FOR A
2 SMALL PIECE OF LAND IN A TRAILER PARK IS VERY UNLIKELY, EVEN
3 IF THEIR LOTS WERE ELIGIBLE FOR PURCHASE. SO I REALLY FEEL
4 THIS WHOLE SUBDIVISION REALLY IS A SHAM AND THERE IS SOME ALL
5 ULTERIOR MOTIVES BEHIND IT. SINCE NOT EVEN 51 PERCENT OF THE
6 LOTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE PURCHASED, IN ORDER TO SELL THESE
7 LOTS, PEOPLE WHOSE HOMES ARE BUILT IN '76 AND PRIOR WOULD
8 EITHER HAVE TO BE FORCED TO MOVE OUT AND A NEWER HOME BE
9 PLACED ON THE LOT. ADD TO THIS THE 70 PERCENT LOW INCOME
10 RESIDENTS AND YOU HAVE A PERFECT SETUP FOR HUNDREDS OF
11 FAMILIES TO BE DISPLACED BECAUSE OF A SHAM SUBDIVISION. PLEASE
12 DENY THIS CONVERSION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT? GO AHEAD.

15

16 **MARY BARETISH:** MY NAME IS MARY JO BARETISH I'M THE
17 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE GOLDEN STATE MANUFACTURERS HOMEOWNERS '
18 LEAGUE, G.S.M.O.L. WE'RE A NONPROFIT CORPORATION. AND WE'RE
19 ADVOCATES FOR THE MOBILE HOME HOMEOWNERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE
20 FIGHTING FOR THEIR RIGHTS IN COURT AND GETTING LAWS PASSED TO
21 HELP THEM MAINTAIN A QUALITY OF LIFE. WE PRODUCED ORIGINALLY
22 THE MOBILE HOME RESIDENCY LAW WHICH IS USED NOW BY THE STATE
23 SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON MOBILE HOME COMMUNITIES. AND I DO
24 HOPE YOU'VE HAD THE TIME TO READ THE COURT CASES AND SUMMARIES
25 RELATED TO SUBDIVISION PROJECTS THAT I PREVIOUSLY SENT TO THE

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1 PLANNING COMMISSION. THERE HAVE BEEN VERY FEW SUCCESSFUL
2 CONVERSIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHERE 51
3 PERCENT OF THE HOMEOWNERS COULD PURCHASE THEIR LOTS. THAT
4 MEANS THE COVINA HILLS WOULD HAVE TO SELL 255 HOMES OUT OF THE
5 500 TO BE RESIDENT-OWNED CONVERSION, AND THIS CERTAINLY COULD
6 NEVER HAPPEN. THERE ARE SOME DISASTROUS CONVERSION SUPPOSED,
7 CONVERSIONS THAT WERE IN PLACE, AND ONE OF THEM IS THE
8 HUNTINGTON SHORE CLIFFS [PH?] WITH 304 SPACES THERE THE PARK
9 OWNER COUNCIL 22 OF THE SECTION 8 HOUSING WHICH WERE 80 AND
10 90-YEAR-OLDS IN A SENIOR PARK. THEY HAD TO ABANDON THEIR HOMES
11 AND LEAVE EVERYTHING BEHIND. THEN THEY RAISED THE RENTS TO
12 BETWEEN 1650 AND 1850 A MONTH FOR THE REST OF THE HOMEOWNERS
13 AND THEY CALL THIS MARKET RENT. OBVIOUSLY IT'S NO LONGER A
14 SENIOR PARK. OVER 150 PEOPLE HAVE ABANDONED THEIR BEAUTIFUL
15 HOMES AND THIS IS VERY MUCH A SCENARIO THAT IS HAPPENING
16 THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RIGHT NOW. IN COVINA HILLS,
17 WITH APPROXIMATELY 500 SPACES, THERE ARE VERY LOW INCOME, THEY
18 ARE SENIORS, DISABLED VETERANS AND MANY FAMILIES WITH TWO
19 FAMILIES LIVING IN THE HOME IN ORDER TO PAY THE \$1100 SPACE
20 RENT THEY HAVE NOW. THE LOT'S RECORDED BY THE PARK OWNER TO BE
21 \$150,000. I DO NOT BELIEVE THEY CAN AFFORD THIS. AND PLEASE
22 DENY THIS CONVERSION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

25

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1 **STELLA HORRMAN:** HELLO MY NAME IS STELLA HORRMAN AND I'M ALSO A
2 RESIDENT OF THE COVINA HILLS. I'M HERE TO APPEAL TO YOU NOT TO
3 LET THIS CONVERSION GO THROUGH. I AND SO MANY OF MY OTHER
4 RESIDENTS ARE SO AGAINST IT. WHEN I BOUGHT MY HOME 20 YEARS
5 AGO, MY INTENTION WAS TO CONTINUE WORKING, PAYING OFF MY HOME
6 AND MY CAR AND RETIRE FROM D.C.F.S., WHICH I DID. I LOOKED
7 FORWARD TO ENJOYING MY HOME, MY WORK AND MY GARDEN AND TRAVEL
8 A BIT. NOW AT THIS POINT IN MY LIFE, I AM AND SO MANY OTHERS
9 GOING THROUGH ALL THIS STRESS, WORRIED ABOUT WHAT IS GOING TO
10 HELP INTO US IF IT IS APPROVED. WHERE IS THIS EXTRA MONEY
11 COMING FROM? WHAT IF BEE CAN'T GET APPROVED FOR A LOAN BECAUSE
12 OUR HOMES ARE SO OLD? WHERE ARE WE GOING? NOT ONLY DO I HAVE
13 TO LEAVE MY HOME, BUT IT WAS ALSO BURGLARIZED THREE WEEKS AGO
14 AND A LOT OF MY POSSESSIONS WERE TAKEN. THERE WERE THREE
15 BREAK-INS IN THREE WEEKS. WHEN YOU REPORT IT TO THE
16 MANAGEMENT, ALL THEY DO IS SAY THANK YOU. THEY DON'T SAY WHAT
17 HAPPENED OR ANYTHING. THEY DON'T CARE. AS FAR AS I'M
18 CONCERNED, THEY'RE TRYING TO HAVE THIS CONVERSION GO THROUGH,
19 YOU'RE A SENIOR CITIZEN, YOU'RE ON LIMITED INCOME. YOU MISS
20 THREE PAYMENTS, THEY TAKE OVER YOUR HOME. SO WHO ENDS UP
21 LOSING? WE DO. THEY DON'T. SO AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, IT'S ALL
22 GREED. THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT US. THEY JUST WANT TO WALK ALL
23 OVER US AND GET WHAT THEY WANT. SO I'M AGAINST IT. AND I HOPE
24 YOU DON'T PASS IT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. IT'S
2 ACTUALLY KIND OF SURPRISING THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD CALL
3 FOR YOU TO NOT ALLOW FOR THIS CONVERSION, WHICH IS A GOOD
4 THING, BECAUSE LOOKING AT IT OVERALL VIEW, AND YOU THINK ABOUT
5 IT, IT ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE A BLUEPRINT FOR OTHER MOBILE HOME
6 PARKS. I KNOW FROM READING LOCALLY, CARSON AREA HAS A LOT OF
7 MOBILE HOME PARKS THAT WANT TO BE CONVERTED, BOUGHT AND SOLD.
8 AND THIS IS LIKE A TEST CASE. SO IT IS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING,
9 ALTHOUGH IN A GOOD WAY, THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT TELLS YOU NOT TO
10 GO THROUGH THIS CONVERSION. BECAUSE IF IT IS A TEST CASE AND
11 THEY GO THIS WAY, THEN IT MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR OTHER
12 OBSCENE DEVELOPERS TO COME IN AND TAKE OVER THESE MOBILE HOME
13 PARKS AND USE THEM FOR THEIR OWN BENEFITS. JUST OUT OF
14 CURIOSITY, THE PROPERTY, OVERALL PROPERTY WOULD BE ZONED RIGHT
15 NOW FOR MOBILE HOME PARKS? IS THAT A DIFFERENT ZONING THAN
16 WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR CONDOMINIUMS? OR WOULD YOU HAVE TO
17 REZONE THE PROPERTY TO ALLOW FOR THE USE LEGALLY CONDOMINIUMS?
18 TERMING THEM AS CONDOMINIUMS WHEN THEY'RE IN FACT MOBILE
19 HOMES, THAT LEGAL LANGUAGE THERE. THERE'S A GAP THERE IN THAT
20 LEGAL LANGUAGE. AND YOU DON'T ZONE PROPERTY FOR MULTIPLE
21 FAMILY DWELLINGS WHICH ARE CONDOMINIUMS, COULD BE CONDOMINIUMS
22 AND CALL THEM MOBILE HOME PARKS. SO CONVERSELY, ZONING FOR
23 MOBILE HOME PARKS AND CONVERTING THEM INTO CONDOMINIUMS, THE
24 ZONING LAW REQUIREMENTS BEHIND THAT, KEEP THAT IN YOUR PIPE
25 AND SMOKE IT.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM'S-- SORRY. THANG LE.

3

4 **THANG LE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY UNDERSTANDING IS,
5 I'M ALLOWED TO HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO SPEAK TODAY?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT? FIVE MINUTES.

8

9 **THANG LE:** APPRECIATE THAT. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS THANG
10 LE. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT. FIRST AND FOREMOST,
11 WE OBJECT TO ANY ATTEMPT TO PREDETERMINE THE APPLICATION'S
12 C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION. THAT DETERMINATION HAS ALREADY OCCURRED.
13 IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY VIA ITS DEPARTMENT OF
14 REGIONAL PLANNING. LAST WEEK ON APRIL 16TH SENT YOU A LETTER
15 DETAILING THE APPLICATION AND LAYING OUT THE REASONS WHY
16 APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE APPROVED. TODAY I WILL DISCUSS BRIEFLY
17 SOME OF THE REASONS WHY THE APPLICATION SHOULD BE GRANTED AS
18 LAID OUT IN OUR LETTER FROM APRIL 16TH, FOUR TO BE EXACT.
19 FIRST REASON, THE DENIAL OF THIS APPLICATION WOULD BE CONTRARY
20 TO THE LEGISLATIVE ATTEMPT OF GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION
21 66427.5, MORE SPECIFICALLY UNDER SUBSECTION 66427.5 D5, THE
22 LEGISLATIVE INTENT THERE AS YOUR STAFF HAS POINTED OUT IS TO
23 AVOID SHAM CONVERSIONS. THE COURT HAS HELD AND THE LEGISLATURE
24 HAS STATED THAT A SHAM CONVERSION IS ONE MEANT SOLELY-- SOLELY
25 TO AVOID RENT CONTROL. AS YOU KNOW, AND AS COUNTY COUNSEL HAS

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1 STATED, THERE IS NO RENT CONTROL IN THIS CASE. THUS, SHAM
2 CONVERSION WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE IN THIS CASE. THEREFORE THIS
3 SUBSECTION 66427.5 D5 CANNOT BE USED AS A BASIS FOR DENYING
4 THE APPLICATION. SECOND REASON THE APPLICATION SHOULD BE
5 APPROVED. THE APPLICATION IS DEEMED APPROVED BY OPERATION OF
6 LAW PURSUANT TO THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT AND THE PERMIT
7 STREAMLINING ACT. THIRD REASON, THE RESIDENTS WILL BENEFIT
8 FROM THIS CONVERSION. EXHIBIT 18 OF OUR LETTER, APRIL 16TH
9 LETTER, HAS NUMEROUS HANDOUTS AND INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE
10 PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS AND COPIED THE COUNTY ON. YOU CAN TAKE A
11 QUICK LOOK AT THAT AND IMMEDIATELY YOU WILL SEE NUMEROUS
12 BENEFITS OF CONVERSION TO THE RESIDENTS. FOURTH REASON. THERE
13 ARE RESIDENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION. AS OUR SURVEY HAS
14 DEMONSTRATED, BUT MORE RECENTLY SO, YOU RECEIVED A LETTER FROM
15 FIVE FAMILIES IN THE PARK THAT WE RECEIVED A COPY OF STATING
16 THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION. NOW, I WILL SPEND THE LAST
17 2 MINUTES AND 19 SECONDS DISCUSSING QUICKLY WHAT THE RESIDENTS
18 THAT CAME UP HERE AND SPOKE STATED. AS A MATTER OF FACT, 99
19 PERCENT OF WHAT THEY STATED HAS ALREADY BEEN VOICED BY THE
20 SAME RESIDENTS IN THE JANUARY 29TH PLANNING COMMISSION
21 HEARING. AND OF THOSE CONCERNS, WE HAVE ADDRESSED THEM ALL,
22 EVERY SINGLE ONE, NOT ONLY IN MEETINGS WITH THE RESIDENTS BUT
23 ALSO IN WRITING, AND LEGALLY ENFORCEABLE DOCUMENTS TO BE
24 RECORDED. NEVERTHELESS, ONCE AGAIN YOU HEAR FROM THESE SAME
25 RESIDENTS MISINFORMATION SUCH AS THAT THEY WILL LOSE RENT

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1 CONTROL IF THE CONVERSION OCCURS. AS COUNTY COUNSEL WILL TELL
2 YOU AND TOLD YOU EARLIER, THERE IS NO RENT CONTROL IN THIS
3 CASE. THE VERY OPPOSITE WILL HAPPEN, ACTUALLY. IF THE
4 APPLICATION IS APPROVED AND THE CONVERSION GOES THROUGH, THE
5 RESIDENTS WILL HAVE RENT CONTROL. EVERY SINGLE RESIDENT. AND
6 KEEP THAT IN MIND REGARDLESS IF THE RESIDENT CHOOSES TO
7 PURCHASE THE LOT OR NOT. THEY WILL HAVE RENT CONTROL. THAT IN
8 ITSELF IS ALL WE'RE ASKING RIGHT NOW, IS THAT YOU APPROVE THE
9 APPLICATION SO THAT WE MAY SELL THE LOTS. WE ARE NOT ASKING
10 THAT THE RESIDENTS AGREE TO PURCHASE. WE'RE ONLY ASKING FOR
11 PERMISSION TO BE ABLE TO SELL THE LOTS. NOW I WOULD LIKE TO
12 ADDRESS ONE OF THE RESIDENTS' CONCERNED ABOUT THE TENANT
13 IMPACT NOT BEING PROVIDED IN TIME. WE HAVE COMPLIED WITH EVERY
14 LEGAL REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 66427.5, INCLUDING TIMELY
15 PROVIDING TENANTS IMPACT REPORTS AS EVIDENCED BY THE DOCUMENTS
16 WE PROVIDED AND PHOTOS TO THE COUNTY AND SUPPORTED BY COUNTY
17 STAFF THE REPORTS. NOW ONCE AGAIN I NEED TO REITERATE THAT NO
18 PURCHASING IS REQUIRED. AND THAT LOWER INCOME RESIDENTS,
19 INCLUDING THOSE ON SOCIAL SECURITY, AS ONE RESIDENT CAME UP
20 HERE AND TALKED ABOUT, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WILL SURELY QUALIFY
21 AS LOWER INCOME RESIDENTS AND WILL HAVE RENT CONTROL FOR LIFE.
22 IN SHORT, THEY WILL BE BETTER OFF POST CONVERSION. THANK YOU
23 FOR YOUR TIME.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS I HAVE A MOTION THAT MY
3 STAFF I THINK HAS PASSED OUT, HAS BEEN PASSING OUT. "AMONG
4 OTHER REQUIREMENTS, AN OWNER OF A MOBILE HOME PARK APPLYING
5 FOR A SUBDIVISION TENTATIVE MAP TO CONVERT THE PARK TO
6 RESIDENT OWNERSHIP MUST SUBMIT TO L.A. COUNTY THE SURVEY OF
7 SUPPORT OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE MOBILE HOME PARK FOR PROPOSED
8 CONVERSION. UNDER THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT, THE COUNTY'S
9 REQUIRED TO CONSIDER THAT SURVEY WHEN DECIDING WHETHER TO
10 APPROVE, CONDITIONALLY APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE REQUESTED
11 MAP. IN ADDITION THE MAP ACT STATES THE COUNTY MAY DISAPPROVE
12 THE MAP IF WE FIND THAT THE SURVEY RESULTS HAVE NOT
13 DEMONSTRATED THE SUPPORT OF AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF THE PARK'S
14 HOMEOWNERS. WHILE THE APPLICANT SUBMITTED THE REQUIRED SURVEY,
15 THE SURVEY DID NOT DEMONSTRATE THAT AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF THE
16 PARK'S HOMEOWNERS SUPPORT THIS CONVERSION. THE APPLICANT WAS
17 GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY BY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO
18 CONDUCT A FURTHER SURVEY BUT DECLINED. BASED UPON THE RESULTS
19 OF THE SURVEY FAILING TO SHOW THE MAJORITY OF THE RESIDENTS
20 SUPPORT THE CONVERSION OF THE PARK FROM RENTAL TO RESIDENTIAL
21 OWNERSHIP, I THEREFORE MOVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NO. 1
22 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER. SECONDLY, THAT IT
23 INDICATE ITS INTENT TO UPHOLD THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING
24 COMMISSION AND THEREFORE DENY THE APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION.

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1 AND, FINALLY, INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE FOR THE
2 BOARD'S CONSIDERATION THE NECESSARY FINDINGS FOR DENIAL."

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND? OKAY. ANY QUESTIONS OR
5 DISCUSSION? ANY OBJECTIONS? SO BE THE ORDER.. THANK YOU. THANK
6 YOU FOR COMING DOWN. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. WE DON'T ALLOW
7 APPLAUSE. THROUGH FOR COMING DOWN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
8 PATIENCE, AND AGAIN, APOLOGIZING FOR THE WAIT, BUT WE HAD TO
9 GET THE OTHER ITEM OUT FIRST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TRAVEL
10 SAFELY. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT.

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
13 BOARD, WE'LL GO BACK TO ITEM NO. 1 OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. AND
14 I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE
15 HEARING ON CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 77580 TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO
16 CONSUMMATE PURCHASE OF LAND LOCATED AT 529 SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE
17 AND 525 SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE
18 AMOUNT OF \$8,500,000 FROM CENTRAL L.L.C. TO HOUSE THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH DOWNTOWN MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC AND
20 PROGRAMS. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO
21 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

24

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THERE ARE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO
2 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS MATTER.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ARNOLD SACHS AND ERIC PREVEN
5 ON THIS ITEM. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3,
8 THIRD SUPERVISORIAL CANDIDATE. THIS IS AN INTERESTING ITEM,
9 HEARING NO. 1. WE WILL BE ACQUIRING A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY
10 ON MAPLE AVENUE FROM A GROUP CALLED CENTRAL L.L.C. NOW, YOU'LL
11 FIND THIS INTERESTING. I LOOKED VERY HARD AS TO IDENTIFY WHO
12 IS CENTRAL L.L.C? AND REGRETTABLY THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAS BEEN
13 UNABLE TO PROVIDE-- NOBODY IS INTERESTED IN PROVIDING THE KIND
14 OF DECODING OF WHO THAT WOULD BE. I THINK IT'S AN APPROPRIATE
15 THING TO KNOW. THE DEAL, WHICH HAS BEEN ADVERTISED AS A GREAT
16 DISCOUNT OFF OF A \$4.5 MILLION PRICE TAG DOESN'T LOOK THAT WAY
17 TO ME. IT LOOKS LIKE, IN FACT, IT'S KIND OF A 20 PERCENT
18 PREMIUM ON WHAT OTHER REAL ESTATE ON THAT SAME STREET LOOKS
19 LIKE. BUT I WAS SQUIRRELING AROUND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO IS
20 THIS GROUP? IT'S BEEN SINCE 2000, WE'VE BEEN RENTING IT OUT
21 FOR \$500,000 A YEAR, ACTUALLY WE'VE BEEN PAYING TO THIS OWNER,
22 WHO ARE NOW CASHING OUT FOR 3-1/2 MILLION, SUPPOSED TO BE A
23 MILLION DOLLAR DISCOUNT. IT DOES NOT LOOK GOOD TO ME. IT LOOKS
24 UNCLEAR. AND I THINK CLARITY IS--

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. I WAS UNDER THE OPINION READING
4 THIS ITEM THAT YOU WERE GOING TO BUILD THIS FACILITY. AND SO I
5 WAS WONDERING, BASED ON A LETTER, THIS IS A MOTION BY
6 SUPERVISOR MOLINA FROM NOVEMBER 20, 2012. AS A MATTER OF FACT,
7 IT WAS 2,677 PAGES LONG, THE BOARD LETTER. REGARDING BOND
8 FINANCING FOR PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY. THIS BEING A PROJECT IN
9 THE COUNTY. PROVIDE A BUDGET FORECAST THAT INCLUDES THESE
10 PROJECTS, OTHER PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE. PROVIDE THE LATEST
11 SCHEDULE ON THE COUNTY'S BOND CAPACITY. AND ITS PAYMENT. SO
12 YOU ARE JUST BUYING THE PROPERTY? YOU'RE BUYING THIS BUILDING?
13 IT'S ALREADY THERE? IT DOESN'T REALLY SAY THAT IN THE ITEM ON
14 YOUR AGENDA. I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION AGAIN THAT THIS ITEM--
15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. OKAY.
17 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US THEN, RIGHT?

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE
2 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS THE HEARING
5 ON THE ANNUAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR
6 FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION
7 OF THE SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE AT THE CURRENT
8 RATE ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 TAX ROLL. THERE IS A
9 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND
10 THERE IS ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM.

11

12 **KOBI SKY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
13 THE BOARD, MY NAME IS KOBI SKY. I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER
14 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THESE
15 PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE SOLID WASTE
16 GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL ON THE TAX ROLL
17 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15. THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SOLID WASTE
18 GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE UNDER MY
19 DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO RETAIN THE
20 SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL AND IS IN THE PUBLIC
21 INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT THIS SERVICE CHARGE ON A TAX
22 ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES THE MOST ORDERLY COLLECTION OF SUCH
23 CHARGE FROM THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS. IN MY OPINION, THIS
24 SERVICE CHARGE CONTINUES TO BE FAIRLY IMPOSED, AND WE HAVE NOT
25 RECEIVED ANY PROTESTS TO THE REPORT. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO OTHER REPORT. ANY QUESTIONS? ONE
3 SPEAKER, ARNOLD SACHS.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. AND I DO
6 TAKE EXCEPTION TO THE PART OF THIS ITEM THAT MENTIONS
7 OPERATING EXPENSES, JUST BASED ON YOUR HISTORY. AGAIN, I GO
8 BACK AS I DID DURING MY COMMENT ON SOME OF YOUR ITEMS ON THE
9 AGENDA, AND SPEAK ABOUT THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL. 6600
10 TONS OF WASTE. HOW DO YOU MEET OPERATING EXPENSES BY NOT
11 CHARGING FOR 6600 TONS OF WASTE? \$90 MILLION A YEAR. OH, WAIT.
12 \$3 MILLION A YEAR AT \$90 A TON.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE ADDRESS THE ISSUE.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M ADDRESSING--

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO. YOU'RE ADDRESSING THE ISSUE. IT'S A
19 SERVICE CHARGE REPORT. EITHER ADDRESS OR WE'LL CALL YOU OUT OF
20 ORDER.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE MISSION STATES YOU'RE MEETING OPERATING
23 EXPENSES.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MISSION
2 HILLS. GO AHEAD.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT SAYS ON THE ITEM. OPERATING EXPENSES.
5 CONTINUED COLLECTION, OPERATING EXPENSES. FOURTH LINE DOWN.
6 PLEASE READ THE ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA. FOURTH LINE DOWN. THANK
7 YOU. OPERATING EXPENSES.

8

9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MR. CHAIRMAN AND
10 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN
11 MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE ANNUAL SOLID
12 WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT AND AS A RESULT IT
13 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
14 AND ADOPT THE REPORT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MOVED BY
17 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
18 WITHOUT OKAY, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS
21 THE HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 2,
22 ADMINISTRATION TO INCREASE THE REGISTER-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
23 FEES RELATED TO MARRIAGE LICENSING \$1 FEE INCREASE PURSUANT TO
24 ASSEMBLY BILL 110. NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT WAS RECEIVED. NO
25 CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ONE SPEAKER, ARNOLD SACHS.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR. I HOPE YOU READ THIS ITEM ON
5 YOUR AGENDA BECAUSE IT MENTIONS STATE LEGISLATION, BLUMENFIELD
6 LEGISLATION. YOU KNOW THAT OLD SAYING WALKS LIKE A DUCK,
7 SMELLS LIKE A DUCK, MUST BE A DUCK. SO I'M WONDERING, YOU
8 HEARD THE ATTORNEY COME UP FOR THE CONVERSION ABOUT
9 LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND LEGALLY ENFORCED DOCUMENTS AND YACK
10 YACK YACK AND BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, I'M WONDERING WHY DO YOU EVEN
11 WORRY ABOUT PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILLS WHEN I CAN LOOK AT THE
12 GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY WHERE YOU MODIFIED THAT FROM
13 THE BLUE LINE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SPEAK TO THE ITEM, PLEASE

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M SPEAKING TO LEGISLATION.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING TO 110 BECAUSE
20 THAT'S A MANDATED OBLIGATION WE HAVE TO PASS IT.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL I'M SPEAKING TO YOUR ABILITY TO CHANGE
23 LEGISLATION WITHOUT GOING THROUGH--

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S NOT THE ITEM. YOU'RE OUT OF
2 ORDER. NEXT.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NOT OUT OF TIME. I'M OUT OF ORDER.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE YOU TO CLOSE
9 THE PUBLIC HEARING.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PUBLIC HEARING'S CLOSED. MOVED BY
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AND THE ITEM'S BEFORE US. CHAIR WILL
13 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND THAT COMPLETES THE
16 PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR TODAY.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE FIRST ON
19 SPECIALS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE IN MEMORY
22 OF THE FOLLOWING. PAUL BANN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ARCADIA WHO
23 PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 15TH. WAS A CONTRACTOR IN THE PIPELINE
24 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. AND HE'S SURVIVED
25 BY HIS WIFE JEANIE AND TWO CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS

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1 ONE OF THE ACTIVE LEADERS IN THE CROATIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.
2 ALSO, HE AND MY FATHER ARE PART OF THE FEATHER RIVER PROJECT
3 WHICH HELPED BRING WATER TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SUSAN ADA
4 (SHIRLEY) JOHNSON LIFE- LONG RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA
5 VALLEY WHO BECAME-- SHE WAS THE MANAGER OF THE BANK OF
6 AMERICA. AND SHE PASSED AWAY. HARRY WILLIAMS JOINED THE FIRE
7 DEPARTMENT IN 1957 RISING TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN. 10 YEARS
8 LATER. HE WORKED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. EVENTUALLY RETIRED OUT
9 OF FIRE STATION 99 IN MALIBU AFTER 37 YEARS OF DEDICATED
10 SERVICE. HE IS SURVIVED BY FOUR SONS. ONE WHO IS WITH THE FIRE
11 DEPARTMENT TODAY. HARRY WAS A CLASSMATE OF MINE IN GRADUATE
12 SCHOOL AND A VERY FINE MAN. HE AND HIS WIFE JOSIE RAISED A
13 WONDERFUL FAMILY. AND SHE PASSED AWAY A FEW YEARS AGO. HARRY
14 NEVER RECOVERED FROM THE PASSING OF HIS WIFE. HE WAS DEEPLY IN
15 LOVE WITH HER AND A GOOD MAN, AND A GOOD FRIEND. GISELLE
16 MENDOZA, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PALMDALE TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY
17 AT THE AGE OF 16. YOU READ ABOUT THAT IN THE PAPER. SHE WAS
18 KILLED IN HER SLEEP WHEN A SUSPECTED DRIVING UNDER THE
19 INFLUENCE DRIVER SLAMMED INTO HER BEDROOM. SHE WAS A SOPHOMORE
20 AT PALMDALE HIGH SCHOOL. AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FATHER AND
21 HER TWO SIBLINGS. HER FATHER ALBERTO. TRAGIC, TRAGIC DEATH.
22 HORRIBLE IS RIGHT. ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO FOR NEXT AGENDA,
23 HELPING FAMILIES IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. THIS IS CO-AUTHORED
24 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. "MORE THAN 11 MILLION AMERICANS HAVE
25 SEVERE SCHIZOPHRENIA, BIPOLAR DISORDER AND MAJOR DEPRESSION,

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1 YET MILLIONS ARE GOING WITHOUT TREATMENT AND FAMILIES STRUGGLE
2 TO FIND A CURE FOR LOVED ONES. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S
3 APPROACH TO MENTAL HEALTH HAS BEEN A PATCHWORK OF ANTIQUATED
4 PROGRAMS AND INEFFECTIVE POLICIES ACROSS NUMEROUS AGENCIES,
5 AND SADLY PATIENTS END UP IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OR ON
6 THE STREETS BECAUSE SERVICES ARE NOT AVAILABLE. AND ALSO THERE
7 ARE LAWS THAT PREVENT MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE FROM BEING TREATED.
8 AND THEY SHOULD HAVE THESE LAWS CHANGED BOTH AT THE STATE AND
9 FEDERAL LEVEL. THE CURRENT APPROACH TO MENTAL HEALTH CAN BEST
10 BE DESCRIBED BY ITS DEFICITS, DUE TO INTEGRATION WITH PRIMARY
11 AND PHYSICAL CARE, TOO FEW PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL BEDS, TOO FEW
12 PSYCHIATRISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS AND CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS,
13 ESPECIALLY ONES WHO ARE TRAINED AND SPECIALIZE IN TREATING THE
14 SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL. TO ADDRESS THE SHORTCOMINGS,
15 LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED BY CONGRESS AND TIM MURRAY,
16 PENNSYLVANIA, WHO IS HELPING FAMILIES WITH MENTAL HEALTH
17 CRISIS. H.R.3717. THIS BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION MARKS A
18 SIGNIFICANT OVERHAUL OF THE NATION'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM. IT
19 REINFORCES AND REFOCUSES PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES AND
20 PSYCHIATRIC CARE FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES IN NEED OF SERVICES
21 BUT WHO ARE CURRENTLY THE LEAST LIKELY TO RECEIVE THEM. THE
22 BILL INCREASES TREATMENT OPTIONS AND INTEGRATES MENTAL AND
23 PHYSICAL CARE AND REDUCES BARRIERS AND STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH
24 MENTAL ILLNESS. THE LEGISLATION IS SUPPORTED BY THE
25 ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL

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1 HEALTH, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH
2 SYSTEMS, AMERICAN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY, AND THE
3 AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION. THE LEGISLATION PROVIDES
4 IMPROVED ACCESS TO PSYCHIATRIC MEDICATIONS AND MEDICAID AND
5 MEDICARE PROGRAMS, ENHANCED FEDERAL COORDINATION OF MENTAL
6 HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH CREATION OF A FEDERAL INTERAGENCY
7 COUNCIL ON SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. INCREASED RESOURCES FOR
8 RESEARCH THROUGH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH,
9 INCLUDING RESEARCH ON EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF SERIOUS MENTAL
10 ILLNESS IN YOUTH. REAUTHORIZES THE FEDERALLY MENTALLY ILL
11 OFFENDER TREATMENT AND CRIME REDUCTION ACT TO PROVIDE
12 RESOURCES TO STATES, COMMUNITIES AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS WITH
13 JAIL DIVERSION, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING
14 AND OTHER SERVICES TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY CRIMINAL ACTION
15 INVOLVEMENT FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL
16 ILLNESSES, IMPROVEMENT IN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
17 THROUGH SUPPORT OF INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH AND PRIMARY CARE,
18 TREATMENT IN THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS, AND ENDING
19 LONG-STANDING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
20 ILLNESS BY PERMITTING FEDERAL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT OF ACUTE
21 INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT. WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE
22 BOARD DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO SEND THE FIVE-SIGNATURE
23 LETTER TO CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF H.R.3717." THAT'S FOR NEXT
24 WEEK.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT WEEK AND I SECOND THAT.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN ALSO FOR MAY 6TH BOARD MEETING--

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOT NEXT WEEK. MAY 6TH.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAY 6TH. "RECENTLY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
8 PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD SUBMITTED A FINAL
9 REGULATION SETTING ITS LIMIT AT 10 PARTS PER BILLION IN PUBLIC
10 DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES SCHEDULED TO TAKE EFFECT JULY 1ST. THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROPOSED STANDARD FOR CHROMIUM 6
12 IN PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES IS 10 PARTS PER BILLION, 500 TIMES
13 GREATER THAN THE CALIFORNIA E.P.A. GOAL THAT IS .02 PARTS PER
14 BILLION. WHILE THE STATE CONTENDS IT'S TAKING INTO
15 CONSIDERATION ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY AS REQUIRED
16 BY LAW, IT FAILED TO OUTLINE WHAT THOSE CONSIDERATIONS ARE.
17 GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANT DISPARITY BETWEEN THE STATE'S GOAL AND
18 THE RECOMMENDED FINAL REGULATION, THE PUBLIC DESERVES FULL
19 DISCLOSURE ON THIS SPECIFIC TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS
20 THAT WERE CONSIDERED IN THIS RECOMMENDATION, ESPECIALLY IN
21 LIGHT OF THE LONG TERM IMPACT ON THE SAFETY OF PUBLIC WATER
22 SUPPLIES. WE ALL KNOW THAT CHROMIUM 6 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LIVER
23 CANCER AND OTHER FORMS OF CANCER AND IS VERY SERIOUS. SO WE
24 WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE
25 OFFICER TO SEND THE LETTER TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

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1 HEALTH URGING THEM TO RECONSIDER THE STATE'S CHROMIUM 6
2 RECOMMENDATION AND TO PROVIDE FULL DISCLOSE TO YOUR THE PUBLIC
3 ON THE COST ANALYSIS EXISTING AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES THAT WERE
4 CONSIDERED IN THIS PROCESS." THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT WEEK?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NEXT BOARD MEETING.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT BOARD MEETING. TWO MONTHS. I'M JUST
11 JOKING. MAY 6TH. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ANY ADJOURNMENTS? OKAY.
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ANY ADJOURNMENTS? HE'S NOT HERE.
13 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO, MR. CHAIRMAN. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
16 MEMORY OF HENRY SHIELDS, JR., LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR
17 DISTRICT AND PROMINENT COMMERCIAL LITIGATION ATTORNEY WHO
18 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG STRUGGLE WITH CANCER. A
19 PARTNER WITH THE CENTURY CITY FIRM OF DRINKER, BIDDLE AND
20 REATH, HE SPECIALIZED IN CIVIL JURY TRIALS IN BOTH STATE AND
21 FEDERAL COURT REPRESENTING MAJOR ENTERTAINMENT COMPANIES IN
22 CASES CONCERNING THE FIRST AMENDMENT, COPYRIGHT, RIGHT OF
23 PRIVACY AND BUSINESS-RELATED ISSUES. PRIOR TO JOINING THAT
24 FIRM HE WAS A PARTNER WITH IRELL & MANELLA FOR MANY YEARS.
25 ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF THE SABAN

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1 COMMUNITY CLINIC AMONG OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. HE'S SURVIVED BY
2 HIS WIFE JO ANNE PETERSON AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND MANY
3 FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
4 FRANCES GOOTMAN, A RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT FOR MANY YEARS WHO
5 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92 AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS. ACTIVE IN
6 THE COMMUNITY, SHE WAS A LONGTIME VOLUNTEER FOR THE LOS
7 ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS AND
8 OFTEN ASSISTED AT THE GROUP'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET. SHE
9 IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, ROBERTA WAX AND SON JEFF GOOTMAN
10 AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. HER HUSBAND PREDECEASED HER. THOSE ARE
11 MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

12
13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

14
15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO READ A
16 MOTION IN AND ASK THAT WE MAKE THE FINDING THAT THIS CAME TO
17 MY ATTENTION, OUR ATTENTION AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA,
18 MOVING THAT THIS IS A MOTION TO DECLARE MAY 2, 2014 THEODORE
19 BIKEL DAY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I WON'T READ THE
20 ENTIRE PROCLAMATION BUT THEO, WHO WAS KNOWN I'M SURE TO MOST
21 ALL OF YOU, IS TURNING 90 YEARS OLD ON MAY 2ND. AND THERE WILL
22 BE A CELEBRATION OF THAT BIRTHDAY WITH A LOT OF HIS FRIENDS,
23 COLLEAGUES IN MUSIC AND THEATER, AND THE COMMUNITY. HE'S A
24 LONGTIME FRIEND OF MINE GOING BACK TO MY COLLEGE DAYS, ONE OF
25 MY MENTORS, I GUESS IS THE BEST WAY TO PUT IT. A MAN OF GREAT

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1 PERSONAL COURAGE WHO MARCHED IN THE SOUTH FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
2 WHEN IT WASN'T POPULAR OR SAFE. AN ACTIVE UNION MEMBER
3 REPRESENTING ACTORS WHO HAD NO REPRESENTATION. HE WAS A GREAT,
4 GREAT PERSON. AND WE ARE ALL DELIGHTED TO CELEBRATE HIS 90TH
5 BIRTHDAY. SO THAT'S MAY 2ND, THEODORE BIKEL DAY. ASK FOR AN
6 AYE VOTE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. NO OBJECTIONS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M DONE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I MOVE TODAY IN ADJOURNMENT OF DOROTHY
13 LINGENFELTER, LONGTIME LAKEWOOD RESIDENT, MEMBER OF THE CHRIST
14 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKEWOOD, MEMBER OF THE BELLFLOWER
15 EASTERN STAR. SHE WAS MARRIED TO DICK LINGENFELTER FOR 55
16 YEARS BEFORE HIS PASSING. SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, CLAUDIA
17 ELLANO-OTA, HER SON-IN-LAW, STEVE OTA, HIS PARENTS, HIS
18 PARENTS RICH AND SUMI. GREAT LADY. SHE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY
19 ALL WHO KNEW HER. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GEORGE MARR, A
20 36-YEAR EMPLOYEE OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING WHO
21 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. LONGTIME INGLEWOOD RESIDENT. VETERAN OF
22 THE UNITED STATES ARMY. SERVED IN WORLD WAR II. BEGAN HIS
23 CAREER AT THE REGIONAL PLANNING AFTER GRADUATION FROM U.C.L.A.
24 IN 1952. HE WAS A HIGHLY RESPECTED DEMOGRAPHER AND URBAN
25 PLANNER AND LONGTIME HEAD OF OUR POPULATION RESEARCH. HE

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1 PUBLISHED THE "POPULATION BULLETIN" FOR THE COUNTY IN MANY
2 YEARS. HIS RESEARCH AND POPULATION PROJECTIONS WERE IN GREAT
3 DEMAND FROM THE ' 60S TO THE '80S. HE RETIRED FROM OUR COUNTY
4 IN '88. WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTENNIAL
5 CLUB AND CONSISTENT SUPPORTER OF COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS. HE
6 WILL TRULY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY
7 OF LENORE ROBINSON, MOTHER-IN-LAW OF ASSISTANT C.E.O., RYAN
8 ALSOP. TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY DUE TO COMPLICATIONS SUFFERED AS
9 A RESULT OF A TRAGIC CAR ACCIDENT AT THE AGE OF 74. SHE
10 ATTENDED MONTEBELLO HIGH SCHOOL, STUDIED EDUCATION AND OPERA
11 AT CAL STATE LOS ANGELES. SHE HELD POSITIONS AT FUJITSU AS
12 WELL AS OPERA PACIFIC IN ORANGE COUNTY. SHE LOVED TO SING AND
13 HELD BOTH AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS IN VARIOUS OPERAS
14 THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. LOVED FOR HER
15 KINDNESS TO OTHERS AND ITALIAN COOKING AND GREAT SENSE OF
16 HUMOR. SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER DAUGHTER MELISSA, SON PERRY, SIX
17 BEAUTIFUL GRANDCHILDREN. ALL MEMBERS. AND THEN ALSO THAT WE
18 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF [ELENA] "LEE" TARNOFSKY, 50-YEAR RESIDENT
19 OF LAKEWOOD WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 2ND. BORN IN ITALY.
20 FAMILY RELOCATED IN NEW JERSEY. MOVED TO LAKEWOOD IN 1951. SHE
21 AND HER HUSBAND SAM WERE MARRIED FOR 63 YEARS. SHE WAS A
22 PERSONNEL SPECIALIST AT OUR VETERANS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR
23 OVER 25 YEARS. VERY ACTIVE IN LAKEWOOD GARDEN CLUB IN THE CITY
24 OF LAKEWOOD. SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 63 YEARS. SAM, HER
25 SONS ROBERT AND PERRY, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE TRULY

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1 MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS AND SO
2 ORDERED. WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO ASK THAT WE-- PARDON ME? OH,
3 I'M SORRY. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, I APOLOGIZE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. ON BEHALF OF
6 CHAIRMAN AND MYSELF, PERMIT ME TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUBIN
7 "HURRICANE" CARTER, BORN MAY 6TH, 1937 IN CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
8 AND PASSED ON APRIL 20TH AT THE AGE OF 76. SON OF BERTHA AND
9 LLOYD CARTER. GREW UP IN THE GREAT STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS
10 INDICATED. AFTER AN ARREST AT THE AGE OF 12, HE SERVED TIME IN
11 A REFORM SCHOOL AND THEN JOINED THE ARMY AT THE AGE OF 18
12 WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO A SEGREGATED CORPS AND BEGAN TRAINING
13 AS A BOXER. HE WON TWO EUROPEAN LIGHTWEIGHT, WELTER WEIGHT
14 CHAMPIONSHIPS. MR. CARTER WAS ARRESTED AGAIN IN 1957 AND SPENT
15 FOUR YEARS IN PRISON. IN 1961 HE EARNED THE NICKNAMED
16 "HURRICANE" AND BECAME ONE OF THE TOP CONTENDERS FOR THE WORLD
17 MIDDLE WEIGHT CROWN. DURING HIS TRAINING, THE WORLD MIDDLE
18 WEIGHT TITLE, 1966, HE AND HIS LONGTIME FRIEND JOHN ARTIS WERE
19 FALSELY ARRESTED AND INCARCERATED FOR THE TRIPLE MURDER OF
20 THREE PATRONS AT THE LAFAYETTE BAR AND GRILL IN PATTERSON, NEW
21 JERSEY. THEY WERE CONVICTED IN '76 AND WHEN WITNESSES OF THE
22 MURDER RECANTED, THEN THE DECISION WAS REVERSED. THEY WERE
23 SYMBOLS OF RACIAL INJUSTICE AND ONE U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE,
24 H. LEE SAROKIN WROTE THAT THE PROSECUTION WAS "PREDICATED UPON
25 AN APPEAL TO RACISM RATHER THAN REASON." HE WILL BE REMEMBERED

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1 FOR HIS HIGH PUNCH VOLUME AND HIS SUCCESSFUL BOXING CAREER,
2 WINNING ROUNDS IN 2-DIVISION CHAMPION EMILE GRIFFIN IN 1963
3 AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE MEMORABLE FOR SOME 19 KNOCKOUTS.
4 PUBLISHED AUTOBIOGRAPHY, "THE 16TH ROUND, FROM NUMBER 1
5 CONTENDER TO NO. 54572." WE KNOW THE MOVIE. WE KNOW THE TEXT.
6 AND WE KNOW THAT RUBIN "HURRICANE" CARTER WILL BE REMEMBERED,
7 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE [MAE] THELMA, TWO CHILDREN AND MANY, MANY
8 FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ADMIRER HIM GREATLY, MR. CHAIRMAN,
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THAT ONE, AS WELL. ALL MEMBERS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL MEMBERS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I REMEMBER. GREAT STORY. UNFORTUNATE FOR
16 HIM FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENT? PARIS
17 MCDANIEL. TOBY REAL. LAILA GORING. LEONARDO MARTINEZ. JOSEF
18 JIMENEZ. START WITH THAT. ONE MINUTE.

19

20 **PARIS MCDANIEL:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. MY
21 NAME IS PARIS MCDANIEL. AND I'M A YOUTH ADVOCATE WITH A.I.D.S.
22 HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WOULD LIKE TO
23 ENCOURAGE THAT MOBILE UNITS BE SENT TO AREAS AND OFFER
24 VACCINATIONS FOR FREE TO THOSE UNEDUCATED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE
25 MENINGITIS OUTBREAK AND LIVING IN OVERCROWDED AND AT THE MOST

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1 THREAT OF RISK AND AT THE HIGHEST RISK OF THREAT IN THE
2 COMMUNITY. ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO RAISE AWARENESS AND ASK WHAT
3 IS THE PLAN THAT L.A. COUNTY WILL COMMUNICATE WITH RIVERSIDE
4 COUNTY IN REGARDS TO THE WHITE PARTY? AND WILL L.A. COUNTY BE
5 INVOLVED? AS AN H.I.V. POSITIVE YOUTH, I AM WELL AWARE OF THE
6 CONSEQUENCE OF BEING YOUNG AND ACTING WITHOUT REGARD TO THE
7 FUTURE, BUT ALSO HOW SUSCEPTIBLE I AM TO THE MENINGITIS
8 OUTBREAK AND HOW EASILY IT CAN BE SPREAD.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **PARIS MCDANIEL:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

15

16 **TOBY REAL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TOBY REAL. AS A LIFETIME
17 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I'VE RARELY FOUND AN ISSUE TO
18 ADDRESS THIS BODY AS EASY TO DEAL WITH AS CONTAINING THE
19 OUTBREAK OF MENINGITIS. HOW IS IT EASY? THERE IS A PREVENTION
20 POLL THAT SHOULD AND COULD BE GIVEN TO MORE CITIZENS THAN WHAT
21 IS AVAILABLE NOW. THE CURRENT VACCINE GIVEN TO STATES BY THE
22 C.D.C. IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO NONINSURED. AS WITH MOST HEALTH
23 PROGRAMS, THERE ARE HOLES IN A GROUP OF COUNTY CITIZENS THAT
24 ARE OFTEN FORGOTTEN, THE UNDERINSURED, THOSE WHO MAKE TOO MUCH
25 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDI-CAL BUT DON'T MAKE ENOUGH TO AFFORD

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1 PERSONAL INSURANCE. THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE UNDER THE FEDERAL
2 PROGRAM. I BELIEVE THE COUNTY HAS DONE WHAT IT CAN. AND WE
3 APPRECIATE ALL THAT HAS BEEN DONE. BUT IF MORE MONEY COULD BE
4 HAD FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS, BETTER ACCESSIBILITY WITH MOBILE
5 UNITS AND HIGH RISK AREAS AND OF COURSE EXTENDING THE ACCESS
6 TO MORE CITIZENS BEING UNINSURED. THANK YOU.

7

8 **JOSEF JIMENEZ:** MY NAME IS JOSEF JIMENEZ. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
9 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
10 SPEAK. I'M SPEAKING ON SPINAL MENINGITIS. ON BEHALF OF THOSE
11 LIKE MYSELF WHO HAVE A VERY LOW IMMUNE SYSTEM, IT'S VERY
12 DIFFICULT FOR US AT THIS TIME TO GET DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT WITH
13 OUR PRIMARY PHYSICIANS. IT'S A THREE-MONTH WAITING PERIOD. IN
14 THOSE THREE MONTHS, ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN, AS WELL AS TO
15 MYSELF AND TO YOU. SO THEREFORE THIS IS AN URGENT MATTER THAT
16 YOU ALL MUST REALLY HELP US WITH AND FOR YOURSELVES ALSO. SO I
17 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

20

21 **LEONARDO MARTINEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS.
22 MY NAME IS LEONARDO MARTINEZ. I AM A.I.D.S. HEALTH CARE
23 FOUNDATION MEMBER. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TO YOU
24 TODAY. I WANT TO ASK YOU TO CONSIDER CREATING SPECIAL FUND FOR
25 EMERGENCY PURPOSE LIKE SPINAL MENINGITIS. THIS WILL ALLOW YOU

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1 TO PROVIDE VACCINATIONS TO PEOPLE WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY
2 ABOUT WHETHER THEY HAVE INSURANCE OR NOT. I THINK YOU MUST
3 CONSIDER HAVING A MOBILE UNIT TO REACH OUT HIGH RISK
4 NEIGHBORHOODS LIKE SOUTH L.A., LIKE LATINO COMMUNITIES OR WEST
5 HOLLYWOOD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I'D ASK LISA CHOWDIAH, EDNA
8 PREECE, EDUARDO MARINEZ AND DENISE OWENS TO JOIN US.

9

10 **LAILA GORING:** GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. FIRST I
11 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK HERE TODAY. MY
12 NAME'S LAILA GORING. I'M WITH THE A.I.D.S HEALTHCARE
13 FOUNDATION. AND TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION
14 SOME CONCERNS ABOUT MENINGITIS. CURRENTLY THE VACCINE
15 DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY BY THE COUNTY HAS A RESTRICTION THAT
16 IT CAN ONLY BE GIVEN TO PEOPLE THAT DOESN'T HAVE INSURANCE.
17 THIS IS OF CONCERN TO US, BECAUSE THIS WAS NOT CLEARLY STATED
18 TO THE PUBLIC. AND OUR CONCERN IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT IT
19 CONFUSES SOME OF THE PEOPLE, AND IT DISCOURAGES SOME PEOPLE
20 FROM GETTING VACCINATED. WE ALSO CONCERNED OF THE AMOUNT OF
21 TIME IT CAN TAKE FOR PEOPLE WITH INSURANCE TO GET TO SEE A
22 PRIMARY CARE DOCTOR. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAVE A SPECIAL FUND
23 TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCIES REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH. I THANK YOU
24 FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

2

3 **EDNA PREECE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
4 IS EDNA PREECE. I'M HERE TO THANK YOU FOR THE STEPS YOU HAVE
5 TAKEN TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY REGARDING MENINGITIS SCARE. I WANT
6 TO SHARE SOME CONCERNS I HAVE WITH YOU. THERE IS A LOT OF
7 CONFUSION IN OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE CLINICS THAT
8 OFFER MENINGITIS VACCINE ONLY OFFER THEM TO PEOPLE WITHOUT
9 INSURANCE. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION TO LET US KNOW WHAT
10 CLINICS OFFER VACCINATION REGARDLESS OF INSURANCE COVERAGE.
11 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

14

15 **DENISE OWENS:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
16 NAME IS DENISE OWENS. AND I'M ALSO HERE FOR THE MENINGITIS
17 OUTBREAK. AND I WAS WONDERING IF ALL HAS BEEN DONE. AND IF SO,
18 WE THANK YOU SO MUCH, BUT MY CURRENT CONCERN IS MOBILES BE
19 SENT OUT TO THE VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY AS WELL AS
20 SKID ROW THAT PEOPLE WILL GET THE PROPER VACCINATIONS NEEDED
21 FOR THIS OUTBREAK. AND THAT WE COULD ALL JUST COME TOGETHER
22 AND TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE AND THIS MATTER BECAUSE IT DOESN'T
23 ONLY AFFECT ONE PERSON BUT AFFECTS ALL OF US. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MIKI JACKSON. HECTOR
2 HERNANDEZ. MONICA COLLIER. DAVID BERRY. RAUL AMEZQUITA. DO YOU
3 HAVE A HANDOUT? HAND IT TO THE SHERIFF, MAKE SURE WE GET IT.
4 THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WHOEVER'S NEXT, GO AHEAD.

5

6 **MIKI JACKSON:** OKAY. MIKI JACKSON. I'M WITH A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE
7 FOUNDATION. YOU KNOW, YOU'VE HEARD SOME GOOD SUGGESTIONS
8 TODAY. I REALLY THINK THAT WE HAVE TO THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT
9 HOW TO DEAL WITH THESE URGENT SITUATIONS. IT JUST DOESN'T WORK
10 THAT PEOPLE COME INTO CLINICS, THEY GET TURNED AWAY. THEY TALK
11 IN THE COMMUNITY. IT DISCOURAGES PEOPLE. AND I KNOW THAT L.A.
12 COUNTY IS PROBABLY WORKING WITH RIVERSIDE COUNTY, BUT IT WOULD
13 BE GOOD TO HAVE SOME DETAILS OF THIS. I THINK THE LACK OF
14 DETAIL IS BOTHERING US A LITTLE BIT. AND WE ALSO, WE WERE MADE
15 AWARE OF ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS AN M.S.M. WHO HAS COME DOWN
16 WITH MENINGITIS. IS THERE ANY PLAN TO LOOK INTO WHY SO MANY IN
17 DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF M.S.M. ARE COMING DOWN WITH
18 MENINGITIS? AND IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THAT'S BEING LOOKED AT OR
19 INVESTIGATED FOR THAT AT THIS TIME? IF THERE'S ANOTHER CASE,
20 MAYBE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

23

24 **HECTOR HERNANDEZ:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HECTOR
25 HERNANDEZ. I'M H.I.V. POSITIVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTING ME

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1 SPEAK TO YOU TODAY. I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME CONCERNS
2 THAT I HAVE. I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO M.S.M. PEOPLE AT THE
3 HIGHEST RISK FOR MENINGITIS. I THINK HAVING THAT INFORMATION
4 AVAILABLE WOULD BE HELP PEOPLE LIKE ME TO TAKE STEPS TO
5 PROTECT MYSELF AND OTHERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LISTENING TO MY
6 CONCERNS AND ADDRESSING SOME OF MY QUESTIONS. AND THEN I WANT
7 TO LET YOU-- I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP, PLEASE. NEXT?

10

11 **DAVID BERRY:** HI, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I HAVE SOME
12 CONCERNS BUT ALSO THANK YOU FOR ADDRESSING OUR CONCERNS A FEW
13 WEEKS PRIOR.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR NAME IS?

16

17 **DAVID BERRY:** DAVID BERRY, I APOLOGIZE. WE HAVE A LOT OF PUBLIC
18 HEALTH TRUCKS THAT COME DOWN ON OUR SKID ROW AREA WHERE
19 THERE'S A HIGH RATE OF H.I.V. POSITIVE PEOPLE. AND I WOULD
20 LIKE TO ASK IF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAN PUT SOME SIGNS
21 OR NOTES IN AND MAYBE MAKE SOME SUGGESTIONS TOWARD THOSE THAT
22 ARE BEING TREATED. WE HAVE A LOT OF A.I.D.S. VANS THAT COME
23 OUT AND TEST FOR A.I.D.S., BUT NONE OF THEM IS TELLING THEM
24 ABOUT THE SEVERITY OF CATCHING THAT MENINGITIS, WHICH YOUR LOW
25 IMMUNE SYSTEM, IF WE CAN PUT SOME SIGNS IN THE COMMUNITY

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1 HOSPITALS DOWN THERE, THERE'S ALL KINDS OF PROGRAMS THAT ARE
2 GOING ON. AND WE WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK IF YOU CAN ADDRESS
3 THAT ISSUE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO LET THEM BE
4 AWARE THAT THERE IS HELP OUT THERE AND YOU GUYS ARE WORKING
5 THE BEST THAT YOU CAN TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE'LL PASS THAT ON TO DR.
8 FIELDING. NEXT?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YOUR HONOR, I WAS REQUESTING MORE THAN A MINUTE TO DO
11 MY WHOLE SPEECH?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, MA'AM. YOU CAN GO AHEAD. NO, YOU GOT
14 ONE MINUTE.

15

16 **MONICA COLLIER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M MONICA MARIE
17 COLLIER, MOTHER, AFFIANT AND GUARDIAN OF MY SON, MICHAEL
18 SUNDAR AUGUSTINE COLLIER. I AM AN ACTIVIST AND I'M HERE TODAY
19 TO SPEAK OF THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH AND
20 WILLING TO SUBMIT TO A POLYGRAPH ON ALL THE SPOKEN AND
21 SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS I SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
22 WHAT BRINGS US HERE IS EQUAL DISCLOSURE AND TRANSPARENT
23 REPORTING BETWEEN SOCIAL WORKERS, MOTHERS, FATHERS, CHILDREN
24 AND D.C.F.S. REFORM. I'M A THIRD GENERATION AMERICAN, NATIVE
25 CALIFORNIAN AND CHEROKEE INDIAN. IN 2008 I APPLIED FOR OFFICER

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1 CANDIDATE SCHOOL FOR SUPPLYING INTELLIGENCE AND I FEEL MY
2 HEART, WISDOM AND INTELLIGENCE, I'M HERE TO DEFEND AND UPHOLD
3 MY RIGHTS TO HAVE A CHILD, MEDICAL PRIVACY AND INTELLECTUAL
4 PROPERTY. AND PRIVACY AS A MINORITY BUSINESS LEADER FOR THE
5 MUSIC FOR PEACE FOUNDATION AND A LIFETIME VISUAL ART EXHIBITED
6 I'M 100 PERCENT COMPLIANT WITH D.C.F.S. AND BECAME INVOLVED
7 WITH-- UNDER PERSONAL--

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE CAN HAVE YOU TALK TO
10 SOMEONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S HERE IF YOU'D LIKE TO TALK TO
11 THEM.

12

13 **MONICA COLLIER:** SURE, I'D LOVE TO.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF TO HER, BACK
16 THERE IN THE BACK. THANK YOU. ARE YOU RAUL?

17

18 **RAUL AMEZQUITA:** YES.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME ASK JESUS HILAIRIO. ERIC PREVEN,
21 ARNOLD SACHS. TERRY JACKSON. IRENE PANG. OKAY? GO AHEAD, SIR.

22

23 **RAUL AMEZQUITA:** HI, MY NAME IS RAUL AMEZQUITA GOOD AFTERNOON,
24 CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. VACCINE AGAINST MENINGITIS GIVEN OUT
25 BY THE COUNTY AND THE C.D.C. WITH A STIPULATION THAT IT CAN

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1 ONLY BE GIVEN OUT TO THOSE PEOPLE WITHOUT INSURANCE. THIS WAS
2 NOT COMMUNICATED TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN AN EFFECTIVE
3 MANNER. THIS CAUSES US LOW IN CARE AS PEOPLE ARE BEING TOLD
4 THEY CANNOT GET VACCINATED. AND WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE
5 PERSONAL DOCTOR. CAUSES CONFUSION, AND PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHERE
6 TO GO. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, IRENE.

9

10 **IRENE PANG:** I'M IRENE. I CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY OF OUR COUNTRY
11 AND THE VICTIMS ON MEN OF U.S. AND ACCESSORIES. SECOND, THE
12 PUBLIC NEEDS THE PROPER LIBRARY FOR THE EDUCATION AND IN THE
13 RESIDENTIAL AND THE POOR LIVE IN CONDITIONS OF THEIR RESIDENCE
14 IN THE EXTREMELY HOT AND COLD WEATHER, STAY AWAY FROM THE COLD
15 AND HOT WEATHER DURING THE DAYTIME. WHEN I FOOD 4 LESS I HAD
16 BEEN TWICE FORCED OUT WITHOUT ANY ONE RELATION. I AM A DIGNITY
17 AND HONEST PERSON. FOOD 4 LESS AGAINST THE BUSINESS LAW AND
18 DISCRIMINATION APPLY. HOW FOOD 4 LESS FOLLOW THE CONSTITUTION
19 DOES ANYONE CARRY THE HANDBAG WITHOUT ANY ONE RELATION STUCK
20 THERE, THEY SOBBING IN THIS FOOD 4 LESS. I WILL CRY

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? MR. SACHS, GO AHEAD.
23 NEXT. GO AHEAD.

24

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE
2 CRIMINALS AT M.T.A. WILL BE MEETING ON THURSDAY, ANOTHER WASTE
3 OF TIME, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED--

4
5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, YOU DON'T NEED TO SHOW UP THEN.
6 PERFECT.

7
8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE RIGHT. DO YOU KNOW WHAT? I MAY NOT. BUT I
9 HAVE SUCH FUN TWEAKING YOU, I LIKE TO GO THERE, ANYWAY, JUST
10 TO BE ABLE TO WATCH YOU SQUIRM. THIS IS FROM OCTOBER 3, 2013,
11 TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL. PAUL TAYLOR
12 DISCUSSED THE CURRENT METRO FUNDING SITUATION. MEASURE R
13 FUNDING IS ON SCHEDULE. BUT NOW LAST MONTH MEASURE R FUNDING
14 IS \$4 MILLION-- \$4 BILLION IN THE HOLE. SO WITH IS IT,
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE? MAYBE YOU'LL ADDRESS IT THERE AT THE M.T.A.
16 BOARD MEETING. I'M SURE YOU'LL ADDRESS THE FACT THAT THERE'S A
17 FARE INCREASE. BUT WHICH IS IT? MEASURE R, THIS? MEASURE R,
18 THAT. I GOT MEASURE R FOR YOU. IT'S NOT THAT, EITHER.

19
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

21
22 **TERRY JACKSON:** MY NAME IS JACKSON. I HAVE A PREMIUM BOND ON
23 THE CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH FOUNDATION, TWO ADDRESSES, 277
24 SOUTH CENTRAL, SECOND ONE IS 2814 SOUTH GRAND. THE PENAL CODE
25 IS 187. THIS PLACED DISPENSED ME TWO DIFFERENT FILES. A PSYCH

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1 ALSO TOLD ME THEY WERE SLEEPING PILLS. THEY HAVE ANOTHER
2 COMMUNITY BOND AT \$125 BILLION AGAINST 6040 VENICE BOULEVARD.
3 THIS GUY RUNS A RECYCLE CENTER AND MANY OLD WOMEN AND MEN HAVE
4 COMPLAINED TO ME. I TOOK A LOAD UP TO THERE _____ AT \$125. HE
5 CAME OUT AT \$76. THE STATE BOARD NEED TO REALLY CHECK THAT
6 OUT. SECOND IS AGAINST YOU GUYS, IT'S Q80770-- PAYMENT. YOU'RE
7 ASKING ME TO PAY YOU BACK G.R. AT 1300 SOME DOLLARS OR \$1,000
8 SOME DOLLARS.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. JON NAHHAS? LORI MARTIN?
11 PATRICK O'ROURKE? JOHN WALSH AND JABRIEL MUHAMMAD.

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13 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** I'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR LORI MARTIN. SHE
14 HAD TO LEAVE EARLY.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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18 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** I'M REFERRING TO YOUR OUTBURST AND RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS'S OUTBURST. I AGREE. YOU'RE NOT IMMEDIATELY MURDERERS.
20 YOU DIDN'T MURDER ANYBODY DIRECTLY. BUT IF YOU UNDERSTAND THE
21 LAW, LOOK AT THE RICO ACT. LOOK AT THE LAW AS REGARDS TO
22 FACILITATING A CRIMINAL ACT BY INACTION OR ACTION. BY DOING
23 SO, YOU HAVE BECOME PART AND PARTY TO THE CRIME COMMITTED. YOU
24 DON'T HAVE TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE PART AND PARTY. ALL YOU HAVE TO
25 DO IS BENEFIT. YOUR LONG TENURE HERE IS BENEFIT ENOUGH TO

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1 PROVE IT. AND I REITERATE. THE F.B.I. INVESTIGATION SUPPORTS
2 THIS ALLEGATION. SO YOUR CONSTANT INTERRUPTION OF THOSE WHO
3 DETRACT FROM YOU OR THE IGNORING CRIMES THAT ARE BEING
4 PRESENTED TO YOU AND YOUR REFUSAL TO REPORT THOSE CRIMES AS
5 COURT-MANDATED REPORTERS ALSO FACILITATES THE CRIME AND
6 FACILITATES THE IRE AND AURA THAT IS D.C.F.S. AND MANY OTHER
7 COUNTY AGENCIES TO IGNORE AND DISREGARD THE LAW. YOUR
8 AUTHORITY IS AFFECTING CHILDREN. YOU ARE CRIMINALS, EACH AND
9 EVERY ONE OF YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. MAL, I CALLED YOU. WILL
12 YOU COME UP OR PASS? GO AHEAD. START HIS TIME OVER.

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14 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
15 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL, TWEETING @HOLLYWOODDEMS. BOBBY SHRIVER WAS
16 CALLED UP. HE DIDN'T SHOW UP. HE WAS BACK HERE. I THINK HE
17 WENT TO A FUND RAISER. IT SHOWS YOU HOW LITTLE HE CARES ABOUT
18 THE CHILDREN. HE WAS GOING TO TESTIFY ABOUT ABUSED CHILDREN.
19 BUT YOU KNOW HE'S A KENNEDY SHRIVER. FOR YOU PEOPLE IN YOUR
20 70S AND 80S WHO REMEMBER THE KENNEDYS, DON'T VOTE FOR HIM.
21 TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY. I'M SURE THAT MR. YAROSLAVSKY WILL BE
22 CELEBRATING IT WITH ME. THIS IS THE THIRD ANNUAL MUSLIM DAY.
23 IT'S BEING CELEBRATED UP IN SACRAMENTO. NOW, THIS IS MY
24 FEELING. I DON'T WANT TO HEAR GARBAGE ABOUT MOHAMMED PROPHET
25 MOHAMMED'S WIFE THAT I HEAR UP HERE AND YOU ALLOW VICIOUS,

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1 VILE, UGLY, THAT YOU WOULD NEVER ALLOW ON MOSES AND YOU WOULD
2 NEVER ALLOW ON JESUS CHRIST. BUT IT'S ALLOWED UP HERE. AND AS
3 FAR AS YOUR BUDWEISER BEER FEST, I CAN'T WAIT.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE
6 TALKING ABOUT, BUT I CAN'T, EITHER. IS THERE A BUD FEST TODAY
7 SOME PLACE? LABOR DAY. MR. MUHAMMAD, PLEASE?

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9 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** JABRIEL MUHAMMAD FOR THE BISMILLAH JUSTICE
10 MOVEMENT. JUST WANTED TO SPEAK REGARDING THIS RISK MANAGEMENT,
11 IN TERMS OF THIS POSSIBLE MENINGITIS EPIDEMIC, AND THE FACT
12 THAT THERE IS NO PUBLICITY BEING GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
13 NOT H.I.V. POSITIVE. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT A.I.D.S.-POSITIVE.
14 NO ATTENTION AND NO PUBLICITY IS BEING GIVEN AS TO HOW
15 CRITICAL AN EPIDEMIC OF THIS PROPORTION COULD BE. MENINGITIS
16 IS FATAL. SO, YOU KNOW, I CONCUR WITH WHOMEVER IS TALKING
17 ABOUT TAKING MOBILE SCENARIOS INTO IF COMMUNITY AND MAKING
18 SURE THAT EVERYONE IS VACCINATED. BECAUSE THIS WOULD BE A
19 MAJOR CALAMITY. WE HAVE INCIDENTS IN THE COUNTY JAIL WHERE THE
20 EMPLOYEES WERE STRICKEN WITH THE MENINGITIS. AND IT WAS FATAL.
21 SO LET'S GET WITH THAT. LET'S GET THE PEOPLE SERVICE WITH IT.
22 AND LET'S NOT BE SO PREJUDICED AND SO DISCRIMINATORY WHEREBY
23 WE JUST LEAVE IT TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE DEALING WITH
24 PROMISCUOUS CONDUCT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES
2 PUBLIC COMMENTS. WE ARE GOING TO RECESS THIS MEETING TO GO
3 INTO CLOSED SESSION. WE WILL BE BACK ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU.
4 ...ADJOURN THE MEETING IN MEMORY, EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T ADJOURN
5 THE MEETING, WE WILL DO IT AT THE END WHEN WE COME BACK OUT,
6 AND ADJOURN. TO THE ADVICE OF OUR WONDERFUL COUNSEL , WHO SAYS
7 WE HAVE TO COME BACK OUT AND ADJOURN. SO WE HAVE NOT ADJOURNED
8 THE MEETING. WE ARE IN RECESS, CLOSED SESSION. WE WILL BE BACK
9 OUT.

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11 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** WE WILL BE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
12 NO. C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
13 REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM NO. C.S.-3, CONFERENCE
14 WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND ITEM NO.
15 C.S.-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT
16 EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
17 AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS APRIL 29, 2014 MEETING IS CANCELED AND THE NEXT
19 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE TUESDAY MAY 6, 2014.

20 [CLOSED SESSION]

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CALL THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER. CALL UP
23 ITEM NO. 25. ANYBODY SIGNED UP FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK?

24

25 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** NO.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US AND I BELIEVE WE
3 HAVE SOME AMENDING LANGUAGE?

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN. I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF
6 ITEM NO. 25 CONTINGENT UPON THE EXECUTION OF THE ATTACHED
7 LETTER OF AGREEMENT AND THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS TO THE
8 LEASED. "NUMBER ONE, TENANT SHALL NOT DEVELOP OR OPERATE ANY
9 FACILITIES OFF CAMPUS FOR THE TERM OF THE LEASE WITHOUT PRIOR
10 WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE LANDLORD, WHICH CONSENT MAY NOT BE
11 UNREASONABLE, THAT IS, UNREASONABLY WITHHELD. NUMBER TWO,
12 TENANT SHALL PAY ITS EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT LEVEL EMPLOYEES
13 BEYOND THE COUNTY'S COMPARABLE COMPENSATION FOR LIKE POSITIONS
14 WITH COUNTY FUNDS, WHICH MEANS ANY FUNDING BASED UPON FUNDS
15 PROVIDED UNDER THE LEASE AND THE INDIGENT CARE AGREEMENT
16 INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE GRANT FUNDS, PROCEEDS OF
17 COUNTY LOANS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFERS AND INDIGENT CARE
18 PAYMENT. THIS PROVISION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A TENANT FROM PAYING
19 ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FROM OTHER SOURCES OR APPLY TO
20 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS THAT WERE IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 21, 2014.
21 THREE, PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, TENANT
22 SHALL PROVIDE LANDLORD WITH AN ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL
23 BUDGET FOR PROSPECTIVE FISCAL YEAR. AND FOUR, TENANT SHALL
24 PROVIDE A REALISTIC HOSPITAL OPENING DATE TO THE EXTENT THAT
25 THE CURRENT DATE IN THE LEASE NEEDS TO BE REVISED. UPON

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1 CONCLUSION OF THESE REVISIONS THE SATISFACTION OF CHIEF
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 HEALTH SERVICES AND COUNTY COUNSEL, THE CHAIR IS DELEGATED THE
4 AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE LEASE." THAT IS MY MOTION AND THOSE
5 ARE THE AMENDING FOUR POINTS IN THE LANGUAGE. MR. YAROSLAVSKY
6 HAS SECONDED, MR. CHAIR.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. ITEM 25 AS
9 CLARIFIED, WITH THAT CLARIFYING LANGUAGE AS PART OF THE
10 AMENDMENT, PART OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT. ANY FURTHER
11 DISCUSSION?

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE AGENDA.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OBJECTIONS? SO BE THE ORDER

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND THE READOUT FROM
20 TODAY'S CLOSED SESSION ON ITEM NO. C.S.-1, THIS ITEM WAS
21 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 6, 2014 AND ON ITEM C.S.-2, C.S.-3
22 AND C.S.-4 NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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